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Student hangs herself after 'disappointing' A-level results



Thompson: results probably good enough for entry to university

BY LIN JENKINS

A YOUNG woman hanged herself hours after discovering that her A-level results were not as good as she had hoped.

Charlotte Thompson, 20, was found on Thursday evening hanging from the rafters in the living room of the home of her cousin, Simon Gurney, in Northrepps, Norfolk.

An inquest into her death yesterday was told that she had been upset about the examination results which she thought would not allow her to take up one of several offers she had had from universities. James Hipwell, the Norwich coroner, said at the hearing in the city: "It is singularly devastating to hear of a young person taking such a step on account of A-level results." The hearing was adjourned to a date to be fixed. Benjamin Cabball Manners, 40, her uncle, who was speaking for the family at his home, Cromer Hall, said his niece had sought certain grades to achieve her ambition. "She wanted to go to university and become a physiotherapist. I think she probably thought her results were not good enough to do that. I do not think she missed by very much and I think the results were still probably good enough."

He said she was a charming, normal girl who enjoyed riding and belonged to the Pony Club. "All children take their A-levels seriously, but I do not think people were aware that she was particularly worried."

He said the extended family was a close one and she often visited her cousin Simon, a horticulturist. "She had lots of friends, but no particular boyfriend."

'Whole school community is shocked by the tragedy'

Miss Thompson made the 20-mile journey to join friends from the independent Norwich High School. There she found that she had gained a B, a C and two D grades. She accompanied them to a café for a coffee and then wandered into the town saying she wanted to be on her own.

She was found later at the cottage on the estate of Major Anthony Gurney, her grandfather. The home she shared with her father, Charles Thompson, 48, a company director, her mother Xandra, 44, and sister Sarah, eight, also lies a few hundred yards away on the estate.

Miss Thompson, who was related to the Gurney banking family who were among the founders of Barclays, joined the £3,400-a-ear Norwich High School in the sixth form. She was a little older than others in her class because of the time she spent at school in South Africa and because her schooling was interrupted by a bad riding accident two years ago.

Valerie Bidwell, the headmistress, said: "The whole school community is shocked by the tragedy. She joined the school in the sixth form studying science A-levels and general studies. She achieved four good A-level passes in all her subjects. She was a charming and well liked girl. I can only say how very shaken we are and extend our support and sympathy to Charlotte's family and many friends."

Her uncle, Chris Gurney, the owner of Northrepps Airfield, who is confined to a wheelchair after breaking his back in an air crash, said: "She broke her back two years ago, but got over it and was back into competitive riding and doing very well."

Among teenagers aged 15 to 19 who face GCSE and A-level pressures, four boys and one or two girls in every 100,000 take their lives. Suicide attempts are far more common: three boys and seven girls for every 1,000 aged 15 to 24. A study of adolescents who survived drug overdoses found that 76 per cent had difficulties in their relationship with their parents, 58 per cent had problems at school and work, 52 per cent had boyfriend or girlfriend troubles and 28 per cent were isolated socially.

The Samaritans said that it was rarely one thing alone that made a person suicidal. "There can be a final straw, but it is a whole strand of things that weave together into a net that drags you down. It is not facts that push you over the edge. It is how you feel about them. That is why it is crucially important that people get the message about the importance of talking about overwhelming feelings, letting go that valve on the pressure cooker."

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Cubans lose 30-year right to US asylum

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

ALARMED by a swelling exodus of boat people from Cuba, President Clinton has reversed a 30-year policy of allowing automatic political asylum in the US for refugees from the Castro regime. Instead, they will be held in detention centres for an unspecified length of time.

The abrupt shift came only hours after Clinton Administration officials had said the surge of Cuban migrants was being handled in an "orderly" fashion and no policy change was contemplated.

The White House had rejected pleas for emergency help from Lawton Chiles, the Governor of Florida, who accused the Administration of being "in denial" over the Cuban exodus. Yesterday he welcomed the change of heart.

The new policy was announced by Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, after a hastily-arranged meeting of Mr Clinton's national security staff. Some 547 refugees, a new one-day record, had arrived in Florida on Wednesday in small boats and makeshift rafts. Thursday saw a further 527, bringing the August total to 3,400, compared with 4,100 for the whole of 1993.

Miss Reno said: "Again we have seen a significant number of Cubans take to the sea on unsafe rafts and risk their lives to flee the failing policies of the Cuban regime. This exodus is encouraged by the Cuban government and shows callous disregard for the lives of its citizens."

Miss Reno said that in an effort to deter more refugees from risking their lives she was ordering immigration officers to detain all Cubans trying to flee to the US. They would be held "pending a determination of how they should be processed".

Mr Clinton said yesterday: "The Cuban government will not succeed in any attempt to dictate American immigration policy", adding that Dr Castro's allowing Cubans to leave the island was "a cold-blooded attempt to maintain the Castro grip on Cuba".

If any more Cubans attempt the hazardous 90-mile passage they will be taken by the Coast Guard to a tent city already housing 14,000 Haitian refugees at Guantánamo Bay, a US Navy base on the eastern



tip of Cuba. The unanswered question is whether this would put the Cubans in the same legal limbo as the Haitians who must prove a well-grounded fear of persecution in their homeland to avoid being repatriated.

The prospect of Cubans being repatriated caused distress among Cuban-American groups in Miami. "I don't see how the US could get away with it," said Marcelino Miyare of the Cuban Committee for Democracy.

Sending the Cubans back from US soil would be illegal under the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966 which provides that refugees cannot be returned to the island and will be allowed to stay in the US. But it does not dictate the conditions of their stay and might not apply to Cubans held at Guantánamo Bay.

The present crisis began on August 5 with a violent protest in Havana in which dozens were injured. Dr Castro reacted by angrily blaming the US and threatening to unleash another mass exodus like the Mariel boatlift of 1980 in which he allowed 125,000 Cubans to set sail for Florida.

In short, Dr Castro was once again trying to solve his own domestic political problems by unloading them on the US. Washington has robbed Dr Castro of the safety valve of letting out people who are disgruntled with his rule. However, the Cuban leader can boast that Mr Clinton has responded to his complaint that the automatic asylum given to refugees was a lure for Cubans that did not apply to any other nation. Dr Castro claims the US economic embargo of Cuba causes hardships which encourage the exodus but Washington insists that no loosening of the embargo is envisaged.

The US argues that if Dr Castro's regime is as close to collapse as many believe, it should be allowed to fall. As Governor Chiles put it: "Cubans should be encouraged to stay at home and bring about the fall of Castro rather than escape."

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ROBIN MAYES



Inspector Geoffrey Biggs talking to Anthony Williams through his letterbox yesterday

Yard accountant in fraud inquiry has assets frozen

BY EMMA WILKINS AND RICHARD FORD

THE FORMER deputy finance director of Scotland Yard, who is being investigated in connection with the disappearance of £4 million from Metropolitan Police funds, had his assets frozen yesterday. Anthony Williams, 54, was served with legal documents at his home in New Malden, Surrey.

The proceedings were issued as the Home Office prepared to begin its own investigation into allegations of long-term and sophisticated fraud that have shaken Scotland Yard and Whitehall.

Mr Williams and his wife Kay, 47, are directors of Tomintoul Enterprises, a company set up in 1989 when Mr Williams, also known as Lord Williams of Tomintoul, began buying property in the Highlands. The Fraud Squad is investigating the alleged misappropriation of funds linked to the provision of aircraft, including helicopters, for the Metropolitan Police. A source close to the investigation said: "It appears that he misappropriated these funds for his own business, perhaps into accounts linked to aircraft."

Mr Williams was arrested and suspended from his £32,000-a-year post on July 27. He was questioned in connection with the alleged creation of a false company which received cash from the police for non-existent purchases or services.

Police searched the couple's home in Surrey and their properties in Scotland, including a nine-bedroom manor house in Tomintoul, near Aviemore. Documents referring to bank accounts, business dealings and property transactions were seized.

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Student rush for courses

Disappointed A-level students began to arrive at universities yesterday to make personal appeals for places as remaining vacancies were rapidly filled.

Universities expect the stream of hopefuls to become a flood next week with the official launch of clearing, the system that matches candidates with any remaining places ..... Page 9

Plutonium plea

BNFL, the state-owned nuclear fuel group, yesterday called for Western nations to buy up stocks of surplus weapons-grade plutonium from countries in the former Soviet Union ..... Page 19

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BR seeks volunteer staff to beat strike

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail is calling for volunteers from its staff to help Railtrack man signal boxes on strike days.

The drive to improve dispute-day services is part of a concerted effort by Railtrack to force the RMT rail union to abandon its battle over pay. "The more trains we are able to operate, the more they will see that the way forward is to negotiate," a Railtrack spokeswoman said.

According to the RMT, Railtrack officials in the South West zone have warned their staff the dispute could last until Christmas.

The get-tough tactics were confirmed by British Rail and Railtrack after an internal memo circulated by British Rail's Scottish arm, Scotrail, was sent to the Transport Salaried Staffs Association.

A British Rail spokesman said the move stemmed from the commitment a week ago by Sir Bob Reid, BR's chairman, to help Railtrack restore services. "Our view is that the strike is damaging the industry, and we have to try to limit damage," the spokesman said.

Although it is unclear how many former signal staff work for BR following April's railway re-organisation, BR insists that only volunteers will be offered "on loan" to Railtrack.

Getty Museum may sue over Graces

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE Getty Museum in California yesterday threatened legal action against Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, in its fight for *The Three Graces*.

The museum, which bought the statue for £7.6 million and applied for an export licence last September, claims Mr Dorrell broke the rules by not announcing an extension of the deferral period relating to the work until four days after the previous deferral had expired.

The museum also accused the British institutions fighting to keep the statue in Britain of bad faith in massaging their fund-raising figures to influence Mr Dorrell in his decision.

John Walsh, the director of the Getty Museum, said the British museums and galleries striving to match Getty's price had only raised their claimed total of pledges to £5.8 million by juggling the conditions originally attached to one of the promises.

A spokesman for the Department of National Heritage said yesterday: "This new threat from the Getty Museum does not alter the position. We are satisfied that the decision was fair and reasonable. We will defend it vigorously if the matter ever comes to court."

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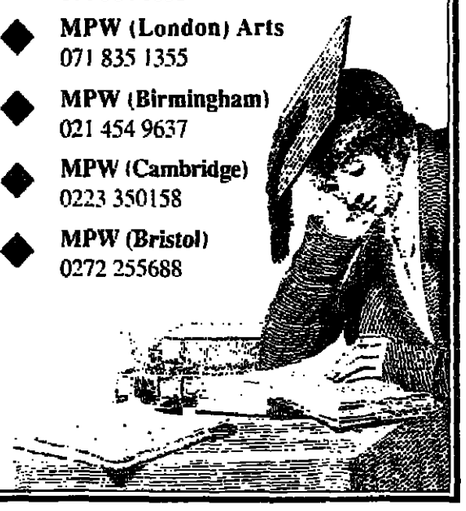
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Company cash for Tories threatened by Labour's plans

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR is completing a package of restrictions on political funding that could cut company contributions to the Conservative Party by more than half.

Under the proposals, an incoming Labour government would give shareholders the right to opt out of company contributions to political parties, just as trade unionists can opt out of their unions' political levy to Labour.

The plans are thought to have already won the approval of Tony Blair and senior party figures and are likely to be party policy by the next general election. Labour advisers believe a short Bill could be introduced early in the next Parliament implementing the proposals, which would place donations from companies and trade unions on a roughly equal legal footing.

A senior Labour source said: "We do regard political donations made without the approval of shareholders as a serious abuse of the rights and duties of directors, and it's got to stop."

Most importantly, collective shareholders such as pension funds, insurance companies and unit trusts would be legally obliged to opt out, on the grounds that the millions of individual policy holders cannot be consulted about donations. As those institutional shareholders now own about 60 per cent of the shares of quoted British companies, up to £6 in £10 of the donations currently made by companies to the Conservative Party would automatically be disqualified.

Companies have so far declared donations to the Tory party of £2.5 million for the 1993 calendar year but that figure is likely to swell several times over in the run-up to an election.

The proposals, the brainchild of Paul Blagbrough, Labour's finance director, were launched as a consultative paper in April but are now believed to have received the approval of Mr Blair, John Prescott, the deputy leader, Margaret Beckett, the former leader, and Robin Cook, the shadow Trade and Industry Secretary.

Companies would be obliged to seek shareholders' approval to set up separate political funds for party donations, which could be financed only out of earnings available for payment as dividend.

When shareholders were notified of their dividend payment, they would be able to choose whether to receive the whole dividend or whether they wanted a proportion to be paid as a political donation.

The proposals would also ban political contributions from companies not controlled in Britain and would make it a criminal offence for political parties to receive donations from companies incorporated overseas.

If enforced, the restrictions would place severe pressure on the Tory party's already precarious financial position. It has a £16 million overdraft with the Royal Bank of Scotland and big corporate donors are increasingly reluctant to support the party that inflicted the recession on them. Even so, the Conservative Party income from donations easily outstrips Labour Party revenue.

Tory party funding has also been engulfed by controversy after the disclosure of large donations from figures such as Asil Nadir, the fugitive fruit tycoon, and foreign billionaires such as John Latsis and Li Ka Shing.

An investigation into political funding by the Home Affairs Select Committee earlier this year was unable to agree reforms, with Tory and Labour members producing separate reports.

Labour has long been searching for a formula for equal treatment of company and union political donations that did not appear to be aimed simply at crippling the Tory party. Company donations to the Conservatives run at double the level of union contributions to Labour.

CHRIS HARRIS



The people of Whitstable line the streets as Peter Cushing's funeral cortège moves through the town, where he was a much-loved figure

Whitstable bids farewell to horror king

BY A STAFF REPORTER

CROWDS lined the streets of his home town yesterday to pay their last respects to Peter Cushing, the actor who died last week at the age of 81.

The streets of Whitstable, where he lived for about 40 years, were lined as the cortège moved off from his home in Wave Crest. It stopped for a moment outside the Tudor Restaurant tea room where Susan Fitchie, the owner, said: "This is a family-run business and he became one of the family. He had been coming to us for more years than I can remember. I shall miss him dearly. He was a friend and a companion and was always ready with a witty quip."

The coffin was then taken to Cushing's View, a seafront walk named in his honour. A bench donated by the star has become a floral shrine in the past week. The procession then drove through the High Street where it again stopped as a mark of respect outside Pirie and Cavender, the actor's his favourite bookshop. An assistant said: "He spent a lot of time going through the shelves. It was always a joy when he came in to see us — I know I shall miss his cheery personality."

The procession then moved to Barham Crematorium for a private funeral service. It is expected his ashes will be placed at Seasalter Old Church, near those of his wife, Helen, who died in 1971.

Cushing appeared in 23 Hammer horror films after his debut in 1935. He was a keen supporter of dozens of local charities and projects and led the fight to rebuild the derelict Theatre Royal in Chatham.



Cushing: made 23 Hammer horror films

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Defeated Euro-Tories head list of new peers

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

TWO of the victims of the Tory rout in the June European elections are among ten new working peers announced yesterday by Downing Street. Sir Christopher Prout, the former Tory leader in Strasbourg, and Patricia Rawlings, the former European member for Essex South West, both lost their seats to Labour in the election.

Sir Christopher, 52, was MEP for Shropshire and Stafford from 1979 and led the dwindling Conservative group from 1987 to June, when he lost his seat by 1,850 votes.

Several other defeated Tory MEPs, including Lord Inglewood and Lord Bethell, will be spending more time in Westminster from the autumn, after when the party's ranks were depleted in the elections to 18 MEPs.

The other new-Tory working peers announced yesterday are Sir Peter Blaker, 71, armed forces minister during the Falklands war and MP for Blackpool South until the last election; Sir Michael Shaw, 73, the long-serving former Scarborough MP; and Charles Hambro, 64, the senior treasurer of the Conservative Party and chairman of Hambros banking group and Guardian Royal Exchange, both of which are big contributors to party funds.

They will be expected to help to restore support for the Government in the Lords, where the Tory back benches have been in rebellious mood over the past year.

The Labour list is headed by Alf Dubs, 61, who was MP for Battersea until 1987 and a home affairs spokesman during the 1980s. He is also known for his work on behalf of refugees and is a director of the Refugee Council. Also enobled are Josie Farrington, 54, chairwoman of the Association of County Councils, and Derek Gladwin, 64, formerly southern region secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union.

Joining the ranks of Liberal Democrat peers will be Graham Tope, 51, the Liberal MP for Sutton and Cheam in the early 1970s and the current leader of Sutton Borough Council, and Susan Thomas, 58, the vice-chair of Surrey County Council, who becomes the fourth Liberal Democrat woman peer.

The working peers, who will become barons and baronesses but cannot pass on their titles to their children, are political appointments who are expected to be regular attenders in the upper chamber. Opposition working peers often become front-bench spokesmen.

Portillo defends funds for jobless

BY JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Portillo, the beleaguered Employment Secretary tried to justify his decision to turn down £68 million in EC funding to retrain British workers last night.

Employment sources argued that Mr Portillo had instead secured much more money for unemployed people in Britain than the Commission was initially prepared to give.

Following seven months of negotiations Mr Portillo persuaded the Commission to allocate £948 million to Britain to spend on the long-term and young unemployed.

The Commission's negotiators had argued that about half the £1.16 billion available through its Social Fund should be used to retrain workers for new technology. However David Hunt, the former Employment Secretary and Mr Portillo, as Chief Treasury Secretary, argued that Britain wished to spend all the money on the unemployed.

Since Mr Portillo took office at employment, he has managed to secure 95 per cent of the fund for the unemployed at the expense of losing £68 million which the Commission insisted should be spent on training. Under the Social Fund scheme, Britain has to match the money issued by the Commission.

Employment sources indicated that the money had not been "lost forever" but admitted that it would not be spent over the next two years before the deal was renegotiated in 1997. "Mr Portillo managed to secure more money for the jobless than was previously on the table," said one official. "We feel that we have achieved what we wanted because our priority is the unemployed and that is what we want the money spent on."

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Fan's second mortgage to experience Hendrix magic

A JIMI HENDRIX fan who took out a second mortgage to raise money to bid for the jacket her idol wore on Top of the Pops in 1967 was denied her memento yesterday when the striped coat fetched five times its estimated value.

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Children's charity chief suspended

The founder of a children's charity was suspended by a court yesterday following allegations of "misconduct or mismanagement". Denise Brett MBE, who founded the Leukaemia and Cancer Children's Fund in 1982, had arranged property matters to the benefit of her family, it was alleged in the Court of Session, Edinburgh.

The charity was founded to help sick children and their families in Scotland, and to support research. There was no provision in the charity's constitution for office bearers to be paid, but Mrs Brett received £300 a week in the year to April 5, 1994, it was alleged. The Lord Advocate secured an interim order suspending Mrs Brett following inquiries by the Scottish Charities Office.

Bomb bikes traced

The bikes used in bomb attacks in Brighton and Bognor Regis last week were hired to two men from the Mountain Bike and Ski Company shop in Victoria, central London, anti-terrorist detectives disclosed yesterday. One of the men had an Irish accent. Robert Jaffe, the shop manager, said: "They didn't give me any reason to be suspicious."

Computer rules world

A computer was declared the world draughts champion in Boston after the man who held the title for 40 years was forced to retire on medical grounds. Dr Marion Tinsley had drawn the first six games against the Chinook computer. Jonathan Schaeffer, Chinook's creator, has accepted a fresh challenge from Don Lafferty, a friend of Dr Tinsley.

Asian youths attacked

Six men appeared before Clerkenwell magistrates yesterday in connection with an attack, believed to be racially motivated, on Asian youths. The men, charged with violent disorder on Thursday in the King's Cross area, were bailed pending committal proceedings. Richard Everitt, a white 15-year-old, was killed near by last weekend.

Bypass blunder

Contractors working on the Gloucester bypass caused chaos when they punctured a key water main. To staunch the flow, Severn Trent Water installed a pressure-reducing valve on another main, but it malfunctioned, causing pipes to burst throughout the city. Residents were told domestic supplies might develop a brownish colour.

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Yard accountant lorded it in the Highlands

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

THE tiny village of Tomintoul in Grampian was in shock yesterday after learning that the man they knew as Lord Williams, Laird of Tomintoul, is a police accountant now being investigated for fraud.

Over the past five years Anthony Williams, 54, and his wife Kay had bought up much of the Highland community including the hotel, the pub, the corner shop, the manor house and even the old fire station.

One of the few things the couple do not own is the world-famous Glenlivet whisky distillery, the previous reason the village of Tomintoul was on the map.

"Baron" Williams, who dressed in tweeds to visit his Scottish investments half a dozen times a year, is a respected figure who had recently been invited to open the sale of work at the village church.

Among the more substantial of the Williams's investments is the Gordon Arms Hotel, run by 27-year-old David Abdy. He first learnt of his employer's arrest two weeks ago.

Mr Abdy, who is a director of Tomintoul Enterprises, a company set up by Mr and Mrs Williams to handle their investments, said he thought they were landed aristocracy with public school backgrounds.

He said: "I knew them as Lord and Lady Williams. I am from working class stock and if someone says they are a lord and flashes a gold card around every few minutes, I am convinced."

Mr Abdy said the first he knew of the alleged fraud was when he was interviewed by the police a fortnight ago. "I was completely stunned. I fell off my stool," he said.

He was headhunted by Mr Williams in 1990 while he was working at Craigendarroch Country Club at Ballatur on Deeside, where Mr Williams had a time share.



"Lord" Williams, with an unnamed woman



Abdy: director of Williams's company

Mr Abdy was brought in to run the Clockhouse Restaurant in Tomintoul, which was losing money.

"I turned it round, made it profitable and was going to leave when they asked me to stay on and run the Gordon Arms Hotel," he said.

Mr Abdy, who comes from Sheffield, and is married with a nine-month-old daughter, worked for Mr and Mrs Williams for £12,500 a year before being made a director of the company in 1993. There are 11 shares in the company: he owned one and Mr and Mrs Williams held five each.

"It was always understood that I would be rewarded for my performance. I have been working hard for not much money and then I was given a stake in the company."

Despite being a fellow director, Mr Abdy did not have a close relationship with Mr and Mrs Williams.

"I had dinner with them a couple of times, but we did not have much in common. He's in his fifties and I'm 27. My interests are Sheffield Football Club; his interests revolve around rowing."

Mr Abdy says he did not delve into Mr Williams's financial background when he received the directorship of Tomintoul Enterprises because the company was a non-borrowing company and there were no liabilities.

"I think of him as an absolute gentleman," he said.

Tomintoul Enterprises consists of the Gordon Arms Hotel and its associated fishing on the river Avon, the Clockhouse Restaurant, the Grouse's Nest pub adjacent to the Gordon Arms Hotel and number 37 Main Street, a disused fire station that was to be developed. The company employs 40 people, 24 of them in the hotel.

Mr Williams's other assets in Tomintoul, including the nine-bedroom Gordon Lodge, Mallory Cottage and the Craggan Manse are not owned through Tomintoul Enterprises.

Mr Abdy has taken legal advice and has taken control of the company.

He says he laid off six people two weeks ago because he had to make sure he could keep paying the wages. The Gordon Arms Hotel only reopened in May after a £600,000 refurbishment programme, which lasted a year.

He said: "My main concern is to save the jobs in Tomintoul. I have worked hard for two years for not much money as have many of the staff.

"I've got one lad who started working for me when he was 15. He came up to me today and said: 'We're not going to lose it all Dave are we?' It's heartbreaking.

"Basically whatever happens, the community has a nice hotel and a good restaurant. It's not as if the money went on drugs or fast cars."

Tomintoul, which means barn hill, is one of the highest villages in the Highlands at 1,150ft above sea level and is situated in the midst of the Cairngorms. The village is close to Balmoral and Braemar and is surrounded by Crown estates. The only authentic aristocrat with claim to a local title is the Duke of Richmond and Gordon.

One woman, who did not want to be named, said: "We knew them as Lord and Lady Williams. They were Southerners but they'd fallen in love with this place. He wore tweeds and played the part."

Sandy Goodfellow, who has lived in Tomintoul for 60 years, said: "The first we knew of it was on the wireless this morning. We're all very shocked. He has a house near mine in the square but we don't see him all that much. He only started investing here a couple of years ago.

"He had 20 people working for him up at the hotel and half a dozen were laid off a fortnight ago. No one knew why.

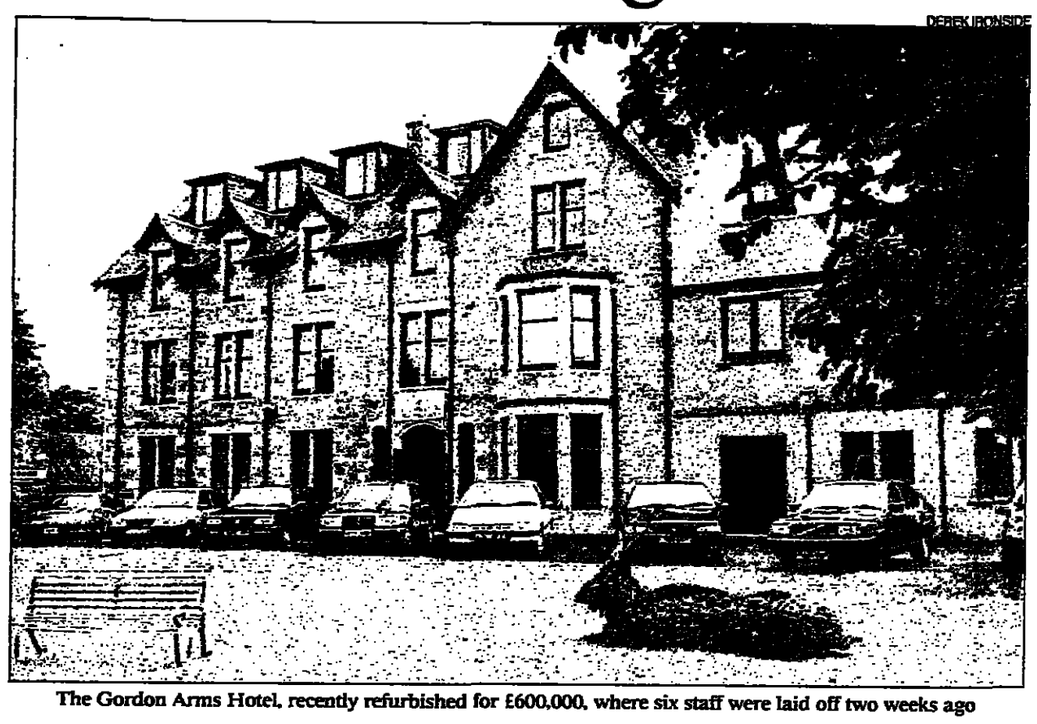
"At one time he had five chefs working there and it's only a 30-bedroom hotel. He's made a good job of it though. He spent a lot of money refurbishing it. He certainly put the village of Tomintoul on the map."

Mr Goodfellow said the hotel had previously been owned by a man living in Carnoustie near Dundee. Mr Williams is believed to have been interested in buying the Richmond Arms Hotel in the village, which is currently closed.

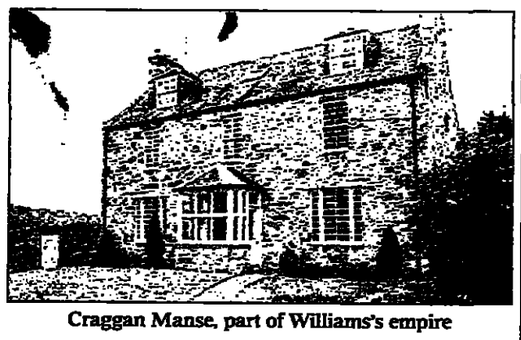
Pearl Paul, a counsellor with Grampian region, said she had not met Mr Williams but was aware that he employed a number of people in the village."My concern would be for any job losses which might happen as a result of this," she said.

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The Gordon Arms Hotel, recently refurbished for £600,000, where six staff were laid off two weeks ago



Craggan Manse, part of Williams's empire



The Grouse's Nest public house near the hotel



The Clockhouse Restaurant in Tomintoul

Neighbours recall reclusive pair who spent thousands on homes

By Emma Wilkins

ANTHONY Williams and his wife, Kay, were known to their English neighbours as an aloof couple who rarely socialised with other residents in the secluded suburban street in New Malden, Surrey, where they have lived for five years.

Neighbours said that they assumed Mr Williams had recently inherited his title from a relative.

The couple have two grown-up daughters. One attended Tiffin Girls' School, Kingston-upon-Thames, a grammar school, and the other went to Coombe Hill Girls' School.

Their detached, four-bedroom 1930s house, which has just been sold for £250,000, cost the couple £185,000 in 1989. They spent about £50,000 on improvements, including a conservatory and a double garage with electronic doors.

Graham Jones, 45, who runs his own tile business and lives opposite, said the couple kept their distance.

"They have never been mixers and kept themselves to themselves. We never used to see much of them and they would go away a lot. They always had very good suntans," he said. "If you bumped into them in the street it was like they were embarrassed to talk to you."

Mr Williams drives a Range Rover with a personalised number plate. His wife drives a Ford Escort.

"I know they spent £185,000 on the house and after they moved in they spent a lot of money — at least £50,000," Mr Jones said. "The garage was converted and they built a big conservatory on the back."

Nearly two years ago, the couple bought a house in Haslemere, Surrey, and moved out, renting out their New Malden property.

"About 18 months ago they bought a house in Haslemere and couldn't sell this place," Mr Jones said. "She told me that she was worried about the big bridging loan they had to take out," he added.

"They rented this house out to an Asian family but after about a year they sold the house in Haslemere and moved back. We were all told it was easier to sell the place in Haslemere."

In Haslemere, Mr Williams was known by a second title "Lord Williams of Chirnside" according to the new purchasers of his former home. Mr Williams registered himself by the title on the electoral roll and gave his wife's title as Lady Kay.

The couple bought the £400,000 house, "Brackens", set in two acres on the Surrey-Sussex border, two years ago and sold it last year.

Mandy Ruscoe, who bought the modern, red-brick house, complete with double garage, from them said she had no idea of their title, until a letter arrived addressed to "Lord Williams of Chirnside".

"I only met Kay once. She was very elegant, dressed very nicely and extremely polite," Mrs Ruscoe said. "The house was pristine. She showed me round and said they wanted to leave because her mother had died and she needed to move."

Another neighbour, Sandy McCarthy, said: "They had a couple of luncheon parties but they weren't that showy. Anthony made no secret of the fact he worked at Scotland Yard. I found out he'd purchased his title and I didn't think much of it. They didn't make a big thing of it and they didn't mix that much."



"Brackens", in Haslemere, was sold last year

Computer system will improve controls

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

THE Metropolitan Police is to introduce a new computer system to improve financial management. According to local authority leaders, the force uses out-of-date accounting methods.

The system, known as Finesse, will become operational for the payment of accounts during the next 12 months and for other management accounting purposes in 1995-96.

In his annual report, published just days after the suspension of Tony Williams, Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said the new system would improve arrangements for recording and monitoring money targets.

Graham Angel, a career civil servant, has ultimate responsibility for the £1.6 billion budget of the Metropolitan Police. With the status of a deputy commissioner, he is answerable for procedures for budgetary control and the monitoring of expenditure.

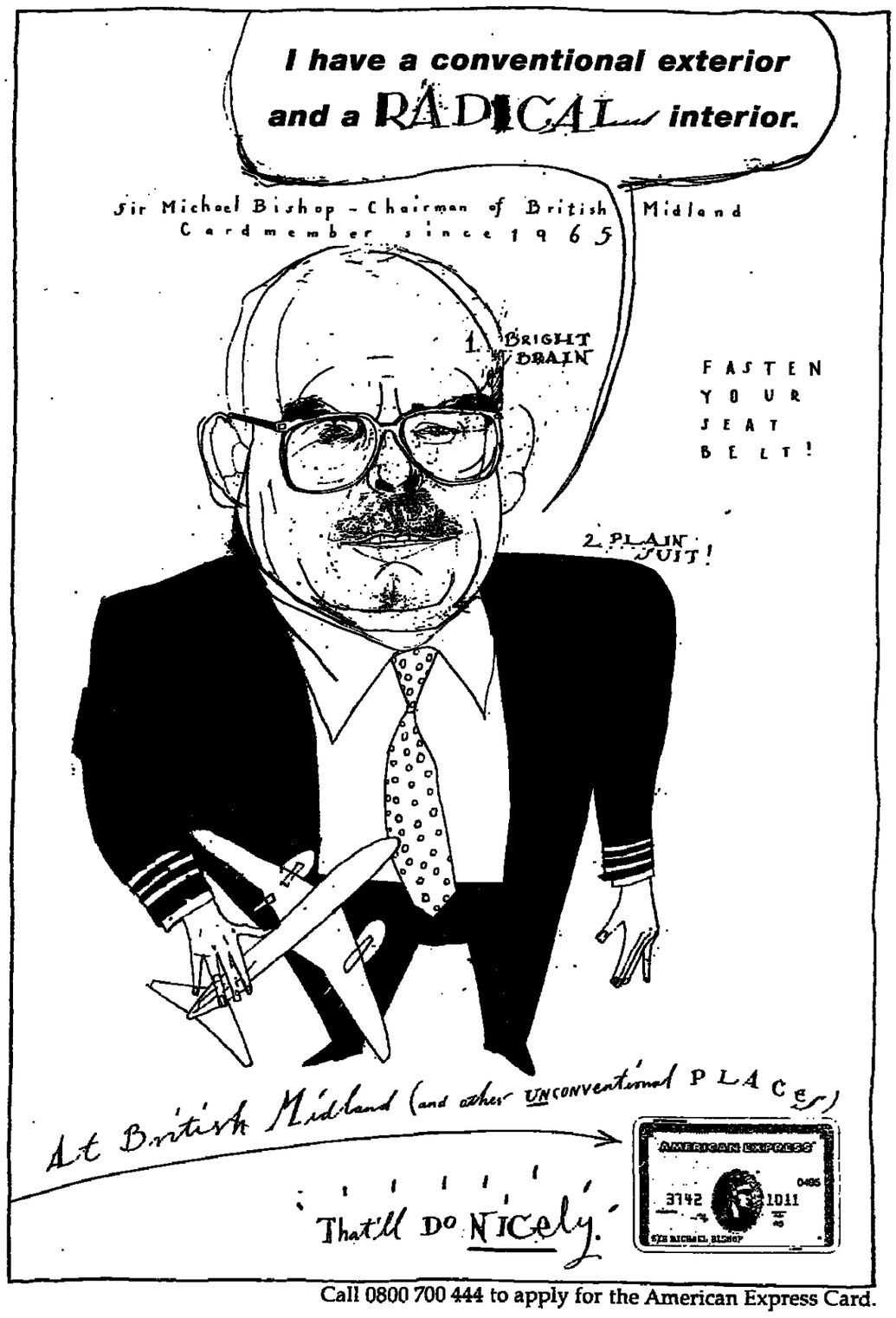
Mr Angel is known as the Receiver of the Metropolitan Police and has direct access to the Home Secretary on matters relating to the probity of expenditure.

The Metropolitan Police's director of finance since 1986 has been John Crutchlow, a member of the force's civilian staff for 30 years. He has a Higher National Certificate in Business Studies, an Open University degree and a post-graduate diploma in management studies. One of his three deputies in 1987 was Mr Williams.

In addition to internal audits, the Metropolitan Police's finances are subject to an annual audit by the National Audit Office. A spokesman said that the account had never been queried in the last decade but he refused to say whether the Home Office had criticised financial procedures in confidential memos.

But representatives of local authorities in London are highly critical of the manner in which the force's finances have been run. Derek Sawyer, of the Association of London Authorities (ALA), said: "Although information has improved, it is in a broad brush manner. The system would not be in line with modern business practices"

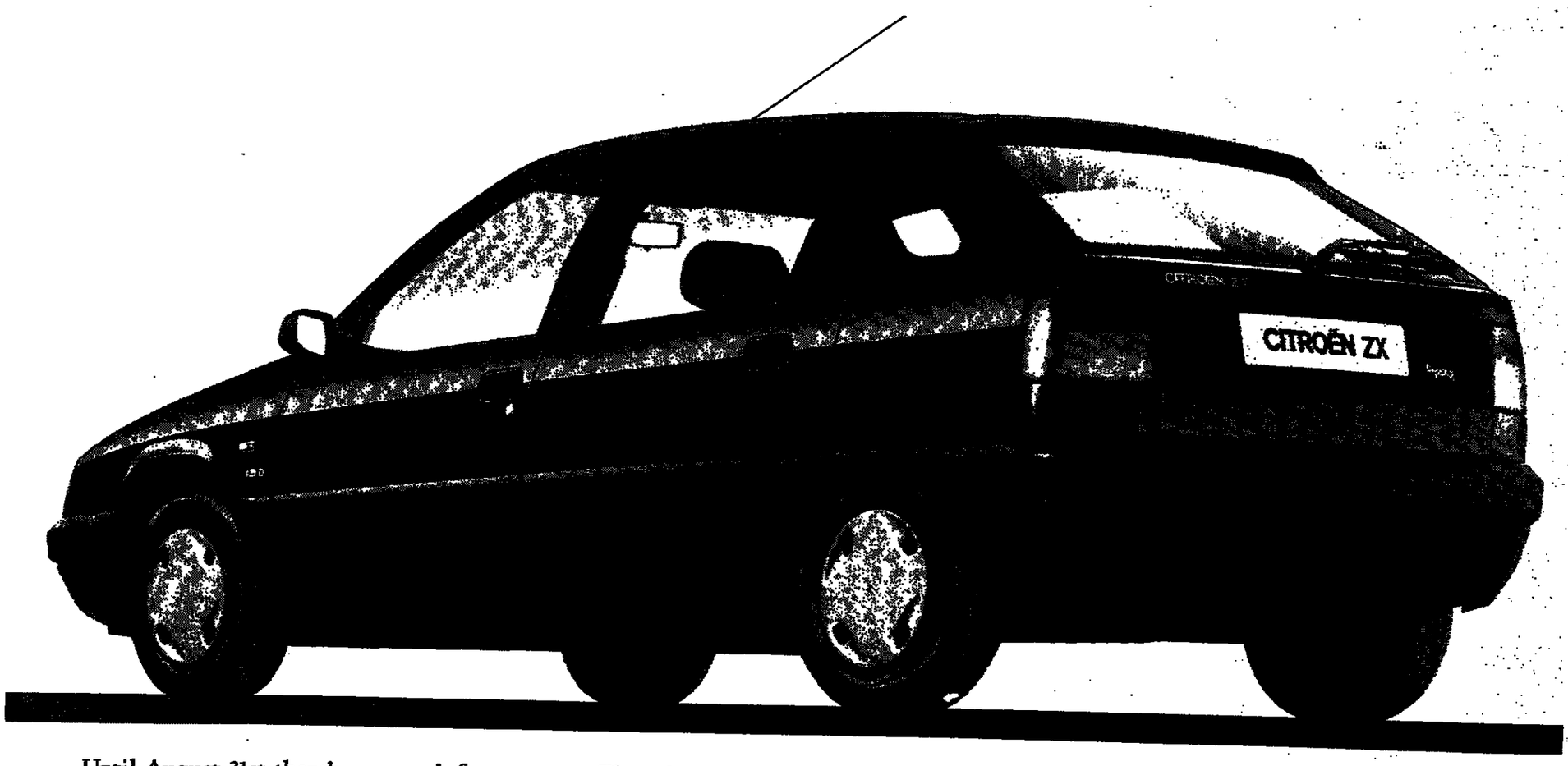
Walter Easy, an adviser to the ALA on policing, said: "The Met is just about getting to the stage of having an internal budget-monitoring system. For too long they have relied on trust and a back-of-the-envelope mentality."



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Taxpayers to help fund Malaysia trip for tearaway girl

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A TEENAGER accused of assaulting a policeman and criminal damage is to have a holiday in Malaysia costing taxpayers £400.

The 15-year-old girl, who is in the care of social services, will fly with her stepfather to attend his brother-in-law's funeral. After two weeks with relatives, she will spend the final seven days touring and sightseeing.

The girl was found allegedly drunk by police six weeks ago in a street in the centre of Chesham, Buckinghamshire. She is accused of breaking shop windows and assaulting one of three officers who put her into a police car.

The girl has been under a care order for about six years. She lives in a children's home but also visits her mother.

Buckinghamshire social services said the girl's family were paying her holiday expenses but asked for a contribution towards the cost of the flight. The cost of keeping her at the children's home was between £600 and £700 a week.

A spokeswoman said: "We understand the girl was due to go on holiday with a relative with whom she has a good relationship.

"It was felt it would be a helpful and beneficial experience. Social services agreed to contribute £400 towards the cost. It is not unusual for social services to pay for holidays for children in care."

The girl's mother said: "If she gets nothing out of life at least she will get a once-in-a-lifetime trip.

"This is not just a case of a wild child going on holiday. She will be going to a funeral and staying with family for the first two weeks. The last week she can have a little bit of a holiday.

"It's a chance for her to get away from the people she is mixing with here, the children's home and from social services. She thinks she is quite hard done by at home but going somewhere with a different culture which is quite strict will show her what family life is all about."

Buckinghamshire social services said the girl had never met the relative whose funeral she was attending.

Gordon Dixon, the former Mayor of Chesham, said: "I don't know what social services think they are doing squandering taxpayers' money in this way.

"The excuse that the girl has to attend a relative's funeral is laughable when you consider what their relationship is. They are not even blood relatives.

"There are plenty of hard-working, law abiding youngsters who would relish an opportunity to spend three weeks in Malaysia.

"They will wonder why they should continue doing their paper rounds or weekend jobs when a young trouble maker gets her holiday paid for. It's a slap in the face for them."

Sergeant Chris Cory of Buckinghamshire Police confirmed the teenager was awaiting trial.

He said: "It must be very hard for members of the public to understand how a holiday in Malaysia at taxpayers' expense can be justified in these circumstances."

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, has said young offenders should not be sent on trips abroad.

■ Essex County Council, which sent a young offender to a Center Parc, refused to pay for a disabled boy to go on holiday. Kay Froebe, whose son Joshua is wheelchair-bound, asked social workers to pay for his first holiday in six years.

"My hopes were raised by a Care in the Community leaflet which stated that there could be public funds to help disabled children go on holiday," she said. But a social worker told her the money was not available.

Joshua, who has chronic fatigue syndrome, said: "Perhaps if I went out ram-raiding in my wheelchair I might get a holiday."





Monkshood, above left, and laburnum will carry warnings that they are toxic



Rue is poisonous if eaten and can cause enormous blisters if brushed against



Deadly nightshade: gardeners are warned of risk

The dangers lurking in your back garden

BEAUTIFUL but deadly. These exotic plants, available in garden centres across Britain, will carry health warnings of their hidden dangers from next week (Robi Dutta writes).

Under new guidelines drawn up by the Horticultural Trades Association, garden centres will be asked to label poisonous plants and put up posters making them easier to identify.

The code of practice is based on a two and a half year investigation by the Royal Horticultural Society, the National Poisons Unit and the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew.

Alan Strickland, director of the Horticultural Trades Association, which represents more than 2,000 garden centres, said there would be three categories of danger.

Rue, which has a yellow flower, will carry a warning that it is poisonous if eaten and can cause dermatitis. It causes large blisters if brushed against. The National Poisons Unit has reported a rise in such cases in both children and adults in the past two months.

Other poisonous plants will fall into two categories of label. The first will include about 26 plants such as laburnum and monkshood and give warning that they are toxic if eaten. The second will tell that the plant is harmful if eaten or a skin irritant and includes just over 50 plants.

Bailiffs take police to court

BY IAN MURRAY

ESSEX police are being taken to court by a firm of bailiffs. Writs have been issued against John Burrow, the chief constable, and two other officers by a firm that claims three of its staff were wrongfully arrested and imprisoned after seizing property from a family that had not paid its council tax.

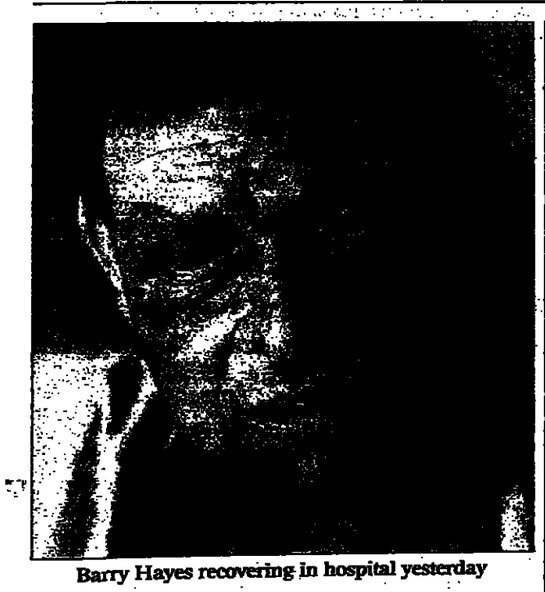
The bailiffs, Bibby and Company, of Rayleigh, are preparing a further set of writs against the chief constable and other officers, alleging that a fourth member of staff was wrongly arrested and imprisoned after seizing property from a council tax debtor's house in Chelmsford last month. Les Bibby, who runs the firm, said his staff had been arrested on four occasions since 1990 "because the police don't have the first idea how the bailiff system works". He said he had issued the writs "in the hope this will make them understand the way bailiffs work".

He said three of his staff were arrested on April 29 after they took a car and electrical goods against a council tax debt of £7,000 from a house in Maldon. "The owners were out but we gained entry at the back without causing any damage and took the goods," Mr Bibby said.

"The owner lodged a complaint and we were called in by the police, arrested and held for two hours before being released on bail. Nine weeks later they wrote to say they were taking no action. If they had made proper inquiries they could have cleared the whole matter up in a day. All this costs us a lot in legal costs and means that while our staff are in prison they cannot go out collecting debts.

"We have had lengthy discussions with the police as to what a bailiff can do but they don't seem to understand. We can enter a property once we are authorised by the court and we don't need the owner's permission."

Essex Police confirmed the writs had been issued and were being handled by the county's legal department.



Barry Hayes recovering in hospital yesterday

Blinded man calls for stand on crime

BY KATE ALDERSON

A MAN who was almost beaten to death after reprimanding four children for tampering with his car called yesterday for increased police powers in tackling youth crime and for society to take a stand against violence.

Speaking from his hospital bed in Liverpool, Barry Hayes, 49, bearing horrendous head injuries which left him blind in one eye, said he hoped that some good might come from his attack: "I sincerely hope the politicians see the public outrage at this incident and take note of it.

"I hope they do something positive to protect the law-abiding majority from the small number of thugs who are causing many people to despair about society. It isn't just the vulnerable people, the old or the very young, who now fear to walk the streets."

Mr Hayes, of Grassendale, Liverpool, ticked off a group of children who appeared to be trying to steal the badge from his BMW car in a pub car park in Garston nine days ago. Moments later one of them returned with a man in a car who kicked and punched Mr Hayes "like a football".

Despite a fractured skull, two shattered cheekbones, a broken nose and a collapsed lung from the attack that police described as "sickening and horrific", Mr Hayes said he would "do it all again". He had a nine-hour operation at Walton Hospital to reconstruct his face.

In an interview with GMTV yesterday Mr Hayes, a self-employed builder, said: "If more parental control was taken at an early stage, the society we are now creating would not exist."

Mr Hayes, married with two children aged 22 and 23, added: "Our police forces have got to have some new powers where children are concerned. It is all right these people [social workers] saying don't smack children, don't chastise them, but that's why we are in this state."

Merseyside Police are continuing to examine a sky-blue Vauxhall Cavalier, discovered in Manchester on Wednesday, which it is believed may have been used in the attack.

Fraud team investigates choir funds

The Fraud Squad is investigating complaints from choirs over an international singing spectacular. Documents were seized from the offices of the World Choir organisation in Cardiff which staged a disastrous concert in Atlanta, Georgia.

Members of choirs which were to have appeared in the concert allegedly paid hundreds of thousands of pounds in deposits for travel arrangements which were not made.

South Wales police said World Choir, which owes money to 90 British choirs, was assisting its investigation.

Window appeal

The Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes is appealing against a local council order to remove 57 plastic-framed windows from grade II listed Cowes Castle, part of which was built by Henry VIII. The club says it cannot afford the £50,000 bill to replace them.

Holiday bug

More than 80 people were affected by a viral illness at the Pontins Pakefield Holiday Centre, Norfolk, with symptoms similar to food poisoning.

Murder charge

Richard Whelan, 18, of Bradford, was remanded in custody by Bradford magistrates charged with killing Mary Kilbride, 80, whose body was found in her bedroom on Monday morning.

Father jailed

Paul Chapman, 23, was jailed for eight years by Leicester Crown Court for causing permanent brain damage to his six-week-old son by violently shaking him to stop the infant's crying.

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British tourist shot hours after arriving in Florida

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A BRITISH holidaymaker has been shot by muggers outside a tourist hotel just four hours after arriving Florida said. Yesterday she said she would continue her holiday yesterday in spite of her injury.

Pamela Cook, 40, a mother of two from Wetherby, West Yorkshire, was treated in hospital for a flesh wound after being shot in the arm.

Mrs Cook, her husband Phil, a television film editor, and their two daughters aged 11 and 12 were on their fifth visit to Florida. They had joined up with other relatives who live in the United States for a two-week holiday in the Kissimmee area.

Mrs Cook and her sister-in-law had returned to their hotel room from shopping when they saw a tall black man observing them from the parking lot, she said.

The mugger returned moments later with an accomplice, produced a small-calibre handgun and demanded that the two women hand over their money. Mrs Cook complied but Lisa, her sister-in-law, resisted. The mugger snatched Lisa's purse and then aimed the gun and "deliberately pulled the trigger", hitting her in the arm. The attackers escaped with a credit card.

Despite what she called the "nightmare" start to the family holiday, Mrs Cook said she was determined not to let the incident spoil her plans and said she would continue the holiday.

She paid tribute to the police and hospital staff who, she said, could not have been more kind.

Mrs Cook is the latest in a series of foreign visitors to fall victim to Florida's crime.

One of four teenagers accused of murdering Gary Colley, of Bradford, last September is due to go on trial next week. Billy Joe Crumitie, 17, and three other youths allegedly attempted to rob and then shot dead the 34-year-old Yorkshireman as he lay sleeping in a rented car in a lay-by near Tallahassee.

Mr Colley was the ninth tourist to be murdered in Florida in 13 months. Margaret Jagger, his girlfriend, was also injured in the attack.

The Florida tourist authorities have made strenuous and highly public efforts to reassure visitors that the state is still safe, including providing a special tourist police force at Miami airport and maps to point out the most dangerous neighbourhoods.

Several tourist hotels in Miami block out the local television news with its daily catalogue of crime and violence, arguing that this was causing "unnecessary panic" among holiday-makers.

Police suspect that muggers target likely victims from the moment they emerge from customs at Miami airport, while the distinctive rental car number plates make tourists immediately identifiable and vulnerable to attack.



Pamela Cook: was wounded in arm



Rhys Daniels at home in Epping. Doctors are trying to reverse the effects of Batten's disease, an inherited condition

Rhys pins hopes on second transplant

RHYS DANIELS, the toddler whose parents took court action against the Government to ensure he received life-saving treatment, yesterday underwent a second bone marrow transplant.

The operation will try to reverse the effects of an inherited condition, Batten's disease, which causes blindness and dementia and usually proves fatal by the age of 11. His sister Charly, 6, who also suffers from the disease, is too old for the treatment.

Rhys, 3, of Epping, Essex, returned to Bristol Children's Hospital after it became clear that his own bone marrow was taking over from the donated marrow. His father Barry Daniels, 35, said yesterday: "All we can do is keep our fingers crossed and hope everything will be all right."

Last July Rhys became the first sufferer to have a transplant from an unrelated donor. After this latest operation he will spend up to two months in isolation before being allowed home. It could be up to a year before doctors know if the transplant has been a success.

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Seats turn films into a moving experience

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's big cinema chains is studying a new electronic seat that moves, bucks and vibrates to simulate screen action ranging from space travel to car chases.

Short films with names like *Dune Buggy* and *Cosmic Pinball* are being made that are linked by computer to the electronic seats in specially designed simulators. But industry experts believe Hollywood film companies will soon be routinely making films that not only incorporate image and sound but motion effects.

United Artists Theatre Circuit, America's biggest cinema chain, has signed a multi-million-dollar contract to begin installing the seating in some of its big complexes, the first expected to be in Dallas.

David Cole, administrative manager of Odeon Cinemas in Whyteleafe, Surrey, said yesterday: "Our technical people have seen the technology and have met the companies involved." He said the software and films available were still limited and that the costs of re-fitting a cinema were high, although those were likely to fall.

Mike Sommers, managing director of MGM Cinemas, which took over the Cannon chain in Britain, is less convinced about the future of motion seating for mainstream films. "It is good for ride films but I do not believe wobbly seating and scaring people will catch on for a two-hour story," he said.

The Trocadero in central London is experimenting with the system. Two 24-seater cinemas are being installed to show the new films.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov beats Short

The world champion Garry Kasparov has maintained his share of the lead in the Novgorod tournament by defeating Nigel Short of Britain.

The scores in the tournament, which has the highest-ever rating, are Kasparov and Ivanchuk 4, Kramnik 2.5, Shirov 2, Short 1.5, Bareev 1.

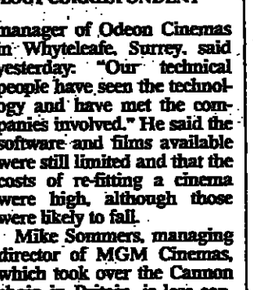
White: Nigel Short
Black: Garry Kasparov
Novgorod, 1994

Sicilian Defence

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7	Nb3	Be7
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9	Kh1	b6
10	Nd5	Nxd5
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12	Be3	Be6
13	Qd1	Rb7
14	Rc1	Nc6
15	c4	Na5
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17	cxb5	axb5
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19	Bd3	Rd8
20	f3	h6
21	Rf2	Bg5
22	Bxg5	hxg5
23	Rd2	Qa5
24	h3	g6
25	Kh2	d5
26	b4	Qxa3
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29	Be4	Rb6
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31	Rd3	Be6
32	d7	Qe7
33	Bc6	b4
34	Qe1	Bf5
35	Rd5	b3
36	Bb5	Qf6
37	Qc3	e4
38	Qxb3	Be6
39	Rd8	Rxd7
40	Qa3	Rxd5

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Lloyds starts

The Lloyds Bank tournament, Britain's premier open event starts today at the Cumberland Hotel, London. Among the more than 200 participants are the grandmasters John Nunn, Jon Speelman and Tony Miles.

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Garden fires and smokers 'add to city smog danger'

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT



SMALL sources of pollution, including tobacco smoke, garden bonfires, brake linings on cars, wear from tyres and burning tar for roofing, could account for up to 25 per cent of city fumes linked with smog, scientists have claimed.

Studies in one of the world's most polluted cities indicate that these tiny sources of fumes produce fine particles linked with hazy polluted days and asthma outbreaks.

Governments, environmentalists and local authorities fighting to clean up the air may have been ignoring these "small source" emissions because, individually, their impacts are small.

The findings, the first of their kind, have been made by a team at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena using sophisticated methods of tracking tiny molecules of air pollution linked with obscure sources.

The research was based around Los Angeles but British researchers said the findings were likely to be relevant here. Dr Mike Ashmore, of Imperial College in London and a member of the Government's Photochemical Oxidants Review Group, said yesterday that although sources such as tobacco were small, many of these smaller emissions were released very close to the public, which increased their potential impact on human health.

The research is also the first to demonstrate the impact of tobacco smoke on general air quality.

A spokesman for the Environment Department said no research was being carried out in Britain into the impacts on the outdoor air of small-source emissions, although the department issued warnings about bonfires and barbecues on poor air quality days.

She said officials had seen details of the US research which they described as "very interesting".

The Los Angeles studies were led by Professor Glen Cass, an environmental engineer, whose findings are published in *Environmental Science and Technology*.

The researchers have developed environmental "fingerprints" that can distinguish between airborne chemicals produced from sources such as traffic, power stations, tobacco and other forms of combustion. For example, tobacco leaves, when burnt, produce a distinctive array of unusually branched hydrocarbons which the scientists can detect in the air.

These, they calculate, make up 1 per cent to 1.3 per cent of the total amount of fine particles in city air. Along with around six other minor sources account for up to 25 per cent of the pollution.

Fine particles, which are also produced by diesel exhausts, have been linked with breathing difficulties, including asthma.

Fiona Weir, air pollution campaigner at Friends of the Earth, said yesterday that California had cracked down more stridently on air pollution so small sources probably accounted for a higher proportion of emissions than here.

Nevertheless Ms Weir said there contribution was significant. "It shows that to get cuts for health improvements, industry is going to have tackle the big sources such as cars but also the small sources right across the board."

The results may give ammunition to campaigners who want tougher, legal powers for local authorities to police the air on poor quality days. Measures include banning cars and cracking down on badly tuned vehicles. The findings indicate that other actions could be taken including a ban on bonfires.

STEVE LEWIS



A photograph of Capt Jackson that appeared in *The Sun* yesterday

Pin-up captain carpeted

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A WOMAN Army officer will face a disciplinary board this month over her affair with a Grenadier Guardsman, it was disclosed last night.

Captain Angela Jackson has already been fined £1,200 and received a severe reprimand from her garrison commander for disobeying lawful commands.

Just hours after her appearance before Colonel Simon Hill at Aldershot, a photograph of the officer dressed only in her underwear appeared on the front page of *The Sun* newspaper under the heading "Captain Crumpet". Even more damaging was a photograph of the mother of two in her Army uniform. Posters of the captain were being distributed to various barracks yesterday, causing further embarrassment to the military.

Capt Jackson, 35, whose husband, David, is a lieutenant colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps, has shaken Army society not just by her affair but because her lover comes from the ranks.



Taylor: applied for early retirement

Colour Sergeant Brian Taylor, who is also married and based at Wellington Barracks, London, has applied to take premature retirement.

Capt Jackson has been married for nine years. Her husband, a veteran of the Falklands conflict and who has served in Bosnia, is on holiday with their daughters Rachel, 6, and Abigail, 5, at the family villa in Spain. Capt Jackson said yesterday that she would sacrifice her home and career to be with Sgt Taylor. "The only thing I have ever done wrong is to fall in love."

Lurid details of the couple's sex life have appeared in *The Sun* this week with their co-operation. Sgt Taylor, 34, a father of two children, said he had fallen in love with her at first sight when he joined a course she was running.

Capt Jackson's husband was faxed copies of the newspaper disclosures about his wife's relationship at their villa in Mojacar, northeast Spain. Col Jackson, 45, heard his marriage was over when he rang home after four months in Bosnia.

"Angela said there was nothing to come home to. No wife, no home, no family. While I was Bosnia that bastard was in bed with my wife. This is the worst thing that could happen to any man. I work 100 hours a week. I often ask: what did I do to deserve this? My wife has earned my total contempt."

Pioneer farmer killed himself after dairy failed

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FARMER whose pioneering methods had received national acclaim killed himself after his business began to fail, an inquest was told yesterday. Peter Gordon, 50, gassed himself in his pick-up truck after realising radical changes were needed to make his dairy a success.

He was unable to accept that his techniques did not work, the inquest at Salisbury, Wiltshire, was told. His son Christopher said Mr Gordon had been in farming all his life but for the past two years he suffered from depression because of financial worries.

"The milk retail side was built up solely by my father," Christopher, 23, who lives and works on his father's 400-cow farm in Collingbourne Ducis, near Marlborough, said. "It wasn't working but his pride wouldn't let him admit that it wasn't as successful as he wanted it to be.

"When he was elected to the Milk Marketing Board as Mid West representative in 1992 he had added pressure and longer working hours. He used to go through the figures all day long. He was waking up during the night because he was so worried."

The inquest was told that Christopher and a farm worker found Mr Gordon's body in the pick-up in a field a mile south of the farmhouse on April 25 with a hose from the exhaust leading to the driver's window. A post-mortem examination disclosed that Mr Gordon died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Trevor Bond, the farm manager, told the inquest he had spoken to Mr Gordon three days before his death, adding: "He told me: 'You will always be here to take care of my wife Valerie and the three boys if I am not around'."

Mr Bond, who was also Mr Gordon's best friend, said: "The enterprise Peter had set up had been so spotlighted in *Farmer's Weekly* and the farming press and it was hard for him to make the changes."

David Masters, the Wiltshire coroner, recorded a verdict of suicide.

After the inquest the National Farmers' Union said: "There are other tragedies like Mr Gordon's just waiting to happen again. We just don't see the situation improving. Farmers now have the second highest rate — if the not the highest — of the professions to commit suicide.

"Farmers are extremely proud people and are very reluctant to discuss their financial problems. They think that is a slur on their ability."

Mr Gordon's brother, Andrew, said after the hearing: "Guilt feelings about his brother's death 27 years ago contributed to his suicide. An unsympathetic bank and the recession were other contributory factors."

Sacked for biting bun

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SUPERMARKET worker who was dismissed for biting a currant bun, which he said he intended to pay for, lost his claim for unfair dismissal yesterday.

Paul Charlton, 20, an employee at Safeway, said he was too hungry to pay for the buns before eating one but was accused by the store manager of stealing.

The manager grabbed the evidence from his mouth and put it in a plastic bag so he could prove the offence had been committed.

Safeways then froze the evidence so it could be preserved and used later against Mr Charlton. But the bun was not produced at the tribunal at Woburn Place, central London, which ruled that Mr Charlton was fairly dismissed because he had broken Safeway's strict set of rules.

Kuttam Menon, the tribunal chairman, said: "Although this dismissal may appear to be harsh there are strict rules in the retail trade and we cannot substitute our views for those of a reasonable employer."

Speaking after the hearing Mr Charlton said: "I only deserved a warning, not the sack. That's what would have happened normally."

DNA clears killer of rapes

THE man who hanged himself after raping and murdering Sandra Parkinson has been cleared of several other sex crimes, police said yesterday.

Alan Conner, 32, a convicted rapist who murdered Miss Parkinson, 22, in Devon last month, had been suspected of eight rapes and serious sexual assaults in the Dearne Valley, South Yorkshire, between 1983 and 1986.

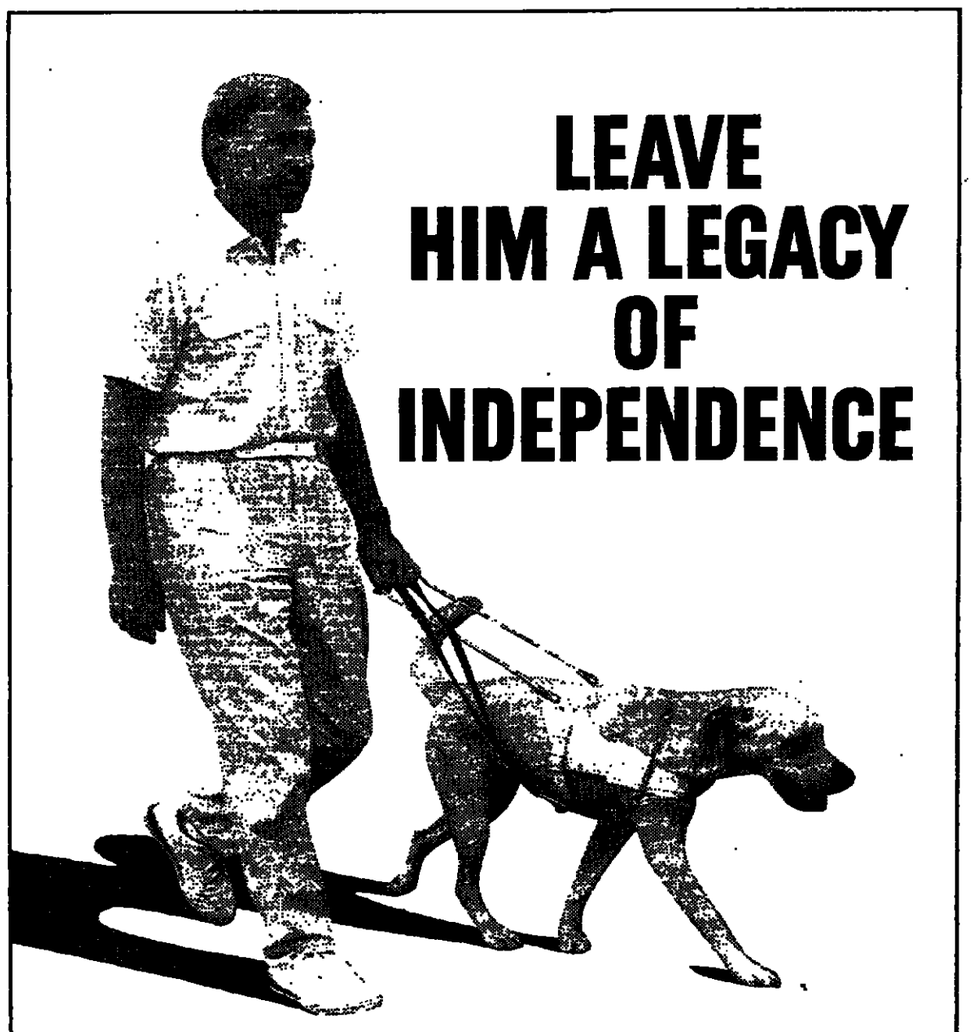
South Yorkshire police said the results of DNA tests on samples from the eight crimes proved conclusively that Conner was not responsible. Devon and Cornwall police, coordinating the investigations, said: "We've still got further forensic work to do to associate him with further crimes."

Conner, a drifter, is still suspected of six killings and a number of other serious crimes, and several police forces are making inquiries.

South Yorkshire police had linked Conner to the Dearne Valley attacks because he was known to have been in the area at the time and the attacks ended when he was jailed for raping a teenager. A spokeswoman said: "Whoever is responsible for those attacks is still out there."

On Thursday Conner's inquest was told that a suicide note was left by his body, which was found hanging from a tree in Huntingdon on August 7. In it he begged Miss Parkinson's family for forgiveness. The coroner, David Morris, recorded a verdict of suicide.

Forensic scientists have established through DNA tests that Conner also raped Muriel Harvey, 67, in Ludlow, Shropshire, on Christmas Day 1992.



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Extra spending should go to health, says Dorrell

BY JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

STEPHEN Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, said yesterday that extra public spending should go on health and education rather than the arts, historic monuments and sport.

Four weeks into his first Cabinet post, Mr Dorrell made clear that developments in heritage and sports would have to rely more heavily on sponsorship, joint public-private ventures and, particularly, National Lottery proceeds. He also disclosed that he had instigated a thorough expenditure review of his department to eliminate waste and inefficiency and to expand market testing.

Mr Dorrell, 42, who is increasingly tipped as a long-term successor to John Major, is clearly reluctant to discard his previous hat as Financial Secretary to the Treasury, where he was in charge of privatisation.

In an interview with *The Times*, the rising star of the centre-left, who is neither a sportsman nor an arts specialist, made clear that he was prepared to take on all factions of British heritage and the sporting fraternity to get the "greatest benefit out of the taxpayer's pound."

He suggested that the proceeds from the National Lottery, which starts this November, will be vital to ensure that Britain's historical buildings are maintained and expanded, but indicated that other parts of his empire — sport, and the performing arts — would also need support from lottery resources.

"At times of public expenditure constraint there is no realistic prospect of major increases in tax funded expenditure on these issues," Mr Dorrell said. The Government's three priorities should be "to improve job prospects, continue improvements in key public services — namely health and education — and resume the downward movement in the tax burden at the end of this parliament or in the next one", he added. However the silver lining would appear with the first lottery draw on November 19.



Dorrell: looking to expand market testing

"The introduction of the lottery does unlock a substantial increase in resources for sport, the performing arts and British heritage and gives us the opportunity to do something quite exciting."

He insisted that the lottery would not be used as an excuse to cut existing funding. "We have made quite clear that lottery money will not be used to replace tax-funded expenditure." But he said he would like to see further private sector involvement in British heritage — possibly in the management and running of historic monuments.

"I think it is legitimate to ask whether more can be done in that direction. I would like to find ways of ensuring that the taxpayer gets the biggest benefit that I can engineer for the pounds he makes available."

His colleagues point out that Mr Dorrell, is probably the first Heritage Minister who is not an "expert". Peter Brooke, his predecessor was both an art lover and cricket enthusiast. In contrast, Mr Dorrell comes to the Heritage Department without any baggage, a fact that is said to be alarming senior figures in the arts world.

Harrods to test Sunday opening

HARRODS will be breaking a 145-year tradition in December when it opens its doors on a Sunday.

The store said yesterday that it did not intend to open on Sundays as a matter of course but was experimenting with Sunday trading in the run-up to Christmas.

Peter Willasey, a Harrods spokesman, said the store did not normally open on a Sunday because it believed in giving staff a day off and because of its location in Knightsbridge. "Unlike Oxford Street, where people will go for a full day out, there really isn't much around here apart from shops," he said. "A lot of the people who live around here tend to be out of town on a Sunday."

The store will open between 11am and 5pm on December 11 and 18 in the run-up to Christmas.

Mr Willasey said: "Working on these two Sundays will be on a voluntary basis. Staff who wish to work and whose services are required will be paid double time. They will also receive a day off in lieu of their work on either or both Sundays."

He said that reaction to Sunday opening would be assessed and if it proved popular with customers, Sunday Christmas opening would remain very much the exception in the store's trading pattern.

Countdown for holiday bargains

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

BARGAIN-hunting holiday-makers have just two weeks to buy a summer 1995 package at a discount before travel agents withdraw their early booking offers.

Major high street travel shops are likely to stop the 12 per cent offer by the end of this month.

In spite of a fierce battle for a share of the early bookings market, which led to Thomas Cook, Going Places, and Lunn Poly offering 15 per cent off next summer's holidays, fewer people have booked early this year. Travel industry experts say the number of holidays sold in the first two weeks of this month was down on the same period last year.

But Thomas Cook said 500,000 people took advantage of the 15 per cent discounts and the tour operator Thomson is predicting that a record ten million people will take a package holiday abroad next summer.

This week Lunn Poly, which is commercially linked with Thomson holidays, Going Places, which is linked with the tour operator Airtours, and Thomas Cook, cut their discounts from 15 to 12 per cent after a frenzied price war at the beginning of this month.

Peter Shanks, Thomas Cook's commercial director, said: "The 15 per cent discounts were never going to be sustainable."

The main tour operators have now brought out their summer 1995 brochures, although these will be reprinted in time for the post-Christmas bookings rush when further discounting is expected.

Owners Abroad, which relaunched its programme under the new name of First Choice, will release its summer 1995 brochures next week. Going Places is offering 5 per cent off Thomson and Kuoni holidays, 12 per cent off Airtours, Owners Abroad, British Airways Holidays, Cosmos and Sunworld (which make up a total of five million holidays), and 8 per cent off most other programmes.

A spokeswoman said: "This is the first time we have introduced the concept of discount banding. The free child places have been snapped up and people will have to act quickly to secure the ones that are left."

Thomas Cook's discount last week meant a saving on a £399 holiday of £59.85.

Nato calls for international effort to halt nuclear mafia

BY RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW
GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS
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A CO-ORDINATED effort to halt the smuggling of plutonium and highly enriched uranium from Russian nuclear facilities was urged yesterday by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, and other Nato Foreign Ministers.

The ministers, including Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, agreed that there should be a better co-ordinated effort by the European Union to stop the trade.

Plutonium smuggling was one of the subjects for urgent discussion at the Conrad Hotel in Brussels where Mr Christopher was staying after arriving with other Nato representatives in the Belgian capital for the funeral yesterday of Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general who died of cancer a week ago. Mr Christopher saw Mr Hurd and the German and French Foreign Ministers. Foreign Office sources said there were already seminars under way with the Russians which explained Western methods of nuclear safeguards and accounting.

The Moscow-based science and technology centre, set up by the EU, America and Japan, with a budget of $73 million (£48 million), was also engaged in improving security measures, although the focus was more on stemming the exodus of Russian nuclear scientists.

Senior Scotland Yard detectives also recently visited Moscow to discuss co-operation over combating organised crime syndicates. This could be extended to cover plutonium smuggling if there was any evidence that mafia-style groups were involved. As part of the new sense of urgency following the recent seizures of nuclear material by German police, Germany yesterday lobbied nuclear powers, including Russia, to accept international inspection of their weapons facilities.

In Brussels, Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, repeated earlier appeals for a systematic programme to register and check nuclear material which could be used in missile warheads and which would cover not only the states of the former Soviet Union but also America, Britain, France and China. The plan, first broached by Herr Kinkel nine months ago, has been frostily received by the nuclear powers but is thought by Germany to be the only way of persuading the Russian government to accept international inspections.

Despite the seizure of 132 lb of a stolen radioactive material by Russian police in Kaliningrad, an official yesterday denied that any dangerous material had gone missing from nuclear plants. "We can say quite clearly that nothing is missing and nothing has been lost," Georgi Kaurov, the atomic energy ministry spokesman, said. Russian investigators denied that any weapons-grade plutonium had been stolen from military stocks.

Mr Kaurov said that since Herr Kohl's letter to President Yeltsin last weekend an inventory had been made of all Russian plutonium stocks and none was missing. However, Sergei Novikov, a senior official in Russia's nuclear watchdog committee, admitted it was relatively easy to obtain and smuggle out lower grade radioactive material in Russia.

Uri Melnikov, the head of Interpol in Russia, said the unidentified substance found in Kaliningrad had been taken off an abandoned ship. One report suggested that it was part of geological equipment which used radioactive material.

In a separate development, President Kuchma of Ukraine yesterday pledged to secure parliamentary approval for an international pact committing Ukraine to give up nuclear weapons for good.

Discussions on plutonium smuggling will continue today when Bernd Schmidbauer, one of Herr Kohl's top officials, holds talks with Russian leaders. However, President Yeltsin insists that any inspection system should cover all nuclear states.

☐ **Vienna:** The International Atomic Energy Agency has confirmed that South Africa has dismantled all nuclear weapons built covertly during the apartheid era. *(Reuter)*



Ukrainian soldiers marching past an advertising board during preparations for the third anniversary of independence on Wednesday

Paris Ritz toasts its thirsty liberator with the reopening of writer's favourite bar



Hemingway: clothes-line felled by single shot

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

IT WAS hardly the most daring act during the liberation of Paris, but it was one of the most noteworthy. On August 25, 1944, as the Nazis left the French capital, Ernest Hemingway decided to "free" the Ritz, a task he undertook with typical bravado.

According to one account, Hemingway, who was covering the war for an American magazine, clambered on to the roof of the hotel, fired off a round, and brought down a clothes line. True or not, the story has provided the hotel with an opportunity to cash in on the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation. Closed for two years, Hemingway's — as his favourite bar at the Ritz became known — will reopen next week amid much hype and publicity. According to hotel spokesmen, the bar will aim to attract the sort of literary clientele for which it was once famous, giving "writers, journalists and poets" the chance to receive their mail there. Photographs of famous literary figures who have drunk there — Marcel Proust, James Joyce, Jean-Paul Sartre, among others — will hang on the walls.

According to Leicester, the writer's brother, Hemingway arrived at the Ritz in the elegant Place Vendôme along with Colonel David Bruce, later US Ambassador to Paris, and a few followers. "They piled out, cocked their weapons and swept through the hotel cellars, taking two prisoners and noting an excellent supply of brandy," he said.

"Ernest picked himself a suite, posted guards, checked over the staff and then settled back, ready and free to handle whatever situations might arise. In the main, they were delightful."

According to Mark Boxer, the author of *The Paris Ritz*, Hemingway spent the day enjoying a drink with fellow war correspondents, one of whom, Helen Kirkpatrick, said she was leaving to watch the victory parade.

"Daughter," said Hemingway, "Sit down and drink this good brandy. You can always watch parades but you'll never again celebrate the liberation of Paris in the Ritz."

French soldier killed in Sarajevo

Sarajevo: A United Nations spokesman said a French peacekeeper was deliberately shot and killed here yesterday, as Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose and a top UN envoy met Serb leaders.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, meanwhile warned the Pope not to visit Sarajevo as planned on September 8. Dr Karadzic said Bosnians might shoot down his plane so the Serbs get blamed.

Generals freed

Warsaw: A court acquitted two former Communist generals of arranging the murder of the Solidarity priest, Father Jerzy Popieluszko in 1984. The court said it was "probable" that Wladyslaw Ciaston and Zenon Platek had instigated the priest's murder, but impossible to prove. *(Reuter)*

Kohl attacked

Bonn: The Catholic and Protestant Churches in Germany have attacked Chancellor Kohl's welfare policies, saying they had divided society into winners and losers. The criticism came after Herr Kohl said he wanted unemployment and other benefits cut. *(Reuter)*

Gorbachev plan

Moscow: Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet President, is to form an opposition movement. Mr Gorbachev made the announcement on the third anniversary of the failed hardline coup which led to the collapse of the Soviet Union. *(AP)*

Rebel onslaught

Dushanbe: Hundreds of Tajik rebels poured across the border from Afghanistan, killing seven Russian soldiers and wounding 14, officials said. It was the fiercest clash so far this year along the Tajik-Afghan border. *(AP)*

Bugs bagged

Delhi: Indian customs officers seized more than 30,000 insects from two departing Germans at Delhi airport. A scientist said the insects could be bred for "biological warfare" against the country's crops. *(Reuter)*

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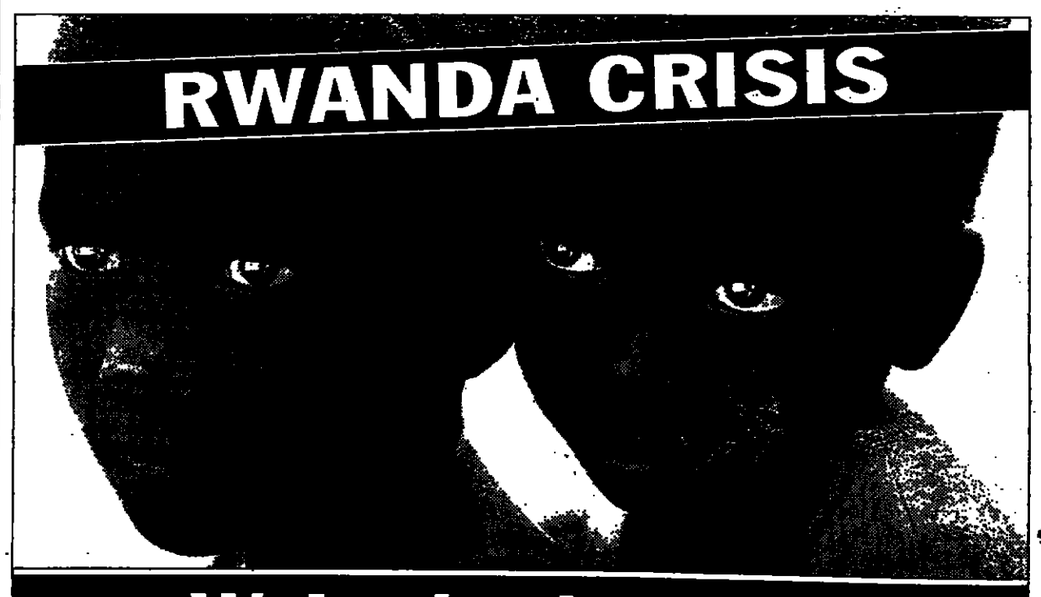
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Pasqua the supercop takes holiday role as French president

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AMID the trouble over Algeria and with the arrest of the terrorist Carlos, the "Jackal", an uninformed visitor to France this month could be forgiven for believing that the country is run by a tough-talking president named Charles Pasqua.

With President Mitterrand convalescing and Edouard Balladur observing the sacrosanct August holidays, the Gaullist Interior Minister has been elevated by events and an acute sense of personal publicity to emerge as the most visible and active figure in the government.

For the political world there seems little doubt that "Charlie" Pasqua, 67, a popular figure who has long symbolised the law and order wing of Gaullist France, is positioning himself as an alternative candidate for the presidency if M Balladur and Jacques Chirac fall victim to their internecine duel. For one week M Pasqua, the solitary, self-made man in a Cabinet of elegant technocrats, dominated the news by taking charge of France's policy towards Algeria, eclipsing Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister.

Just as his rivals and fellow ministers were trying to trim his sails this week, the spectacular arrest and extradition of Carlos from Sudan has catapulted M Pasqua at least for the moment to the rank of national hero. The arrest, M Pasqua made clear within an hour of the extradition, was the result of an assiduous operation under his command. According to media reports M Pasqua announced Carlos's return to Judge Jean-Louis Bruguière, the anti-terrorist prosecutor, with a simple telephone call: "Hello Judge. I have a parcel for you."

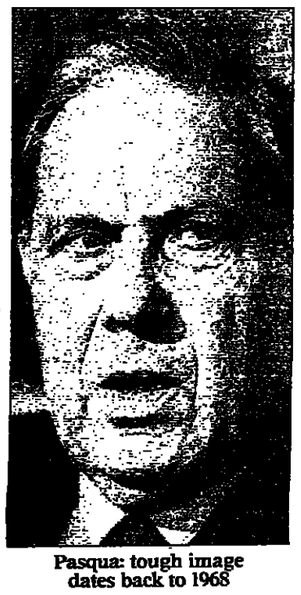
M Pasqua's "*beau coup*", as the headlines called it, thoroughly fitted the persona of a man who has made his career as both a strongarm policeman and a specialist in the murky world of intelligence services and secret diplomacy.

Although he gleefully plays his role as "*premier flic de France*", he owes much of his power to his skill operating behind the scenes. In the late 1980s when he was vowing to "terrorise the terrorists" as Interior Minister in the government of Jacques Chirac, his men were negotiating the release of French hostages in Beirut. His link at the time was with the military chiefs of Algeria, the country where he has kept close contact, running his parallel diplomacy to the annoyance of the Quai d'Orsay. M Pasqua has been given a free run by M Balladur to keep the conflict away from French shores at least until the presidential elections next spring.

In keeping with his dual approach, the minister could be heard fulminating against the evils of talking to the "accomplices of murderers" and attacking Britain and the United States for their contacts with fundamentalists a week after it was reported that his right-hand man had held secret talks with Rabah Kebir, the overseas leader of the Islamic Salvation Front, the opposition movement in Algeria.

The groundwork for the FIS talks was reported to have been laid with the help of Sudan, another Islamic country which M Pasqua has been quietly cultivating. He has indignantly denied that there had been any deal with Sudan over Carlos but reports have emerged of a series of favours granted to Sudan by France in recent months.

Ironically, M Pasqua's spectacular performance this month has overshadowed his campaign since returning to office in April 1993 to present himself as more the humane statesman than a pure law enforcer. For months he has worked under his other portfolio of regional development to promote a plan for reviving provinces that had been bypassed by France's prosperity. His efforts suffered a serious setback last month when parliament effectively gutted his Bill.



Pasqua: tough image dates back to 1968

However popular his crackdown on crime and illegal immigration is in the eyes of the conservative classes, M Pasqua knows that his political hopes depend on overcoming his image as a right-wing zealot. This image was honed in the late 1980s when he flirted with the far right National Front of Jean-Marie Le Pen.

The image, however, goes back to the early 1960s, when the former teenage Resistance fighter gave up his career as sales director for the Ricard drinks company to help to organise the SAC, the strongarm security service of General de Gaulle's UDR party. It was as an SAC chieftain in 1968, during the student upheaval, that M Pasqua's methods won him the favour of Georges Pompidou, then Prime Minister. Pompidou called in M Pasqua and asked how long it would take his men to seize control of the state broadcasting organisation.

"About one hour," he replied. Pompidou said he did not like jokes and M Pasqua told him: "If I take the liberty of saying one hour it is because my men have already been in there for several days. Everything is already sewn up and locked down."

Since then the loyalty of M Pasqua has proved vital to Gaullist leaders as M Chirac, the current party chief and presidential aspirant, is painfully aware. After serving as a pivotal figure under M Chirac and supporting his unsuccessful presidential attempt in 1988, M Pasqua led a dissenting campaign against Maastricht in 1992 in tandem with Philippe Séguin. By bringing him back to the interior post last year M Balladur ensured that one of France's most popular politicians was on his team.

In recent months, however, M Pasqua has struck out on his own, calling for "primaries" to choose conservative candidates for the presidency and dropping hints that he considers himself a potential leader of France. Commentators give him little chance of converting his lurid image into a presidential aura but agree that his power as a potential king-maker means neither M Balladur nor M Chirac can afford to alienate him.



A young Rwandan refugee, one of the many suffering from dysentery, shelters from the rain under a coat at a makeshift clinic near Goma, Zaire

Rwandans pour over border to beat Zaire blockade

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ZAIRE has threatened to close its border with Rwanda today to hold back a tide of terrified Hutu refugees trying to cross in advance of Monday's withdrawal of French troops from Rwanda's "safe zone".

More than 15,000 refugees were expected to have poured over the border into Bukavu yesterday, compared with 300-a-day at the beginning of the week. They are believed to have been whipped into a state of panic by Rwanda's exiled Hutu leaders who have been warning that if they do not leave they will be killed by victorious Tutsis. Those already in Zaire have meanwhile been terrified into not returning.

David Rawson, the US Ambassador to Rwanda, has told reporters for BBC Television's *Panorama* programme: "There are within the camps those who are organising people, who are sending messages of fear saying ... if you go back you are going to be killed." Panos Moumtzis of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) told the programme the exiled leaders were "keeping the refugees as hostages, to use as an extra card when they go to the negotiating table".

Zaire told the UNHCR a few days ago that it would close its border with Rwanda if the exodus resembled a "Goma-like situation" — a reference to the Zairean town of Goma where 800,000 people are stranded in disease-ridden camps. Alarmed aid agencies are trying to persuade the Zaire government to reconsider. Abou Moussa, emergency co-ordinator for the UNHCR, said: "This was a decision taken unilaterally and without any co-ordination."

Aid workers said that shutting the border could cause panic among Hutu refugees. Given the porous nature of the border, refugees would disperse across the frontier region, complicating the task of providing food and shelter. About 100 Zairean soldiers were reported to be at the border yesterday, preparing to stop the refugees. Zaire has given warning that there are insufficient facilities to accommodate a fresh outflow of refugees to Bukavu, already home to some 320,000 Rwandans.

Officials have said for weeks that the best way to get Rwandans to stay in their own country was to convince them they had nothing to fear from the new Tutsi-led government. Amnesty International yesterday appealed for an increase in the number of human rights monitors in Rwanda, to help to build trust for the refugees to feel safe enough to return.



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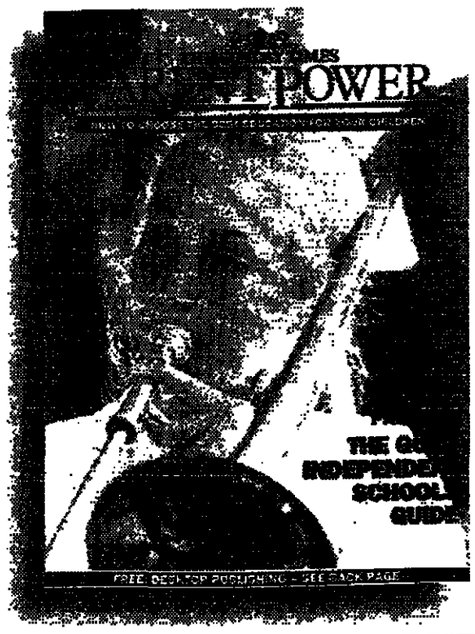
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Despairing Cubans opt for treacherous voyage in preference to worsening economic hardship at home

Castro lifts cordon to allow second mass exodus

BY DAVID ADAMS, LATIN AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT Castro of Cuba appears to have implemented a threat made two weeks ago to open the country's borders, and allow an exodus of boat people seeking to escape the desperate economic conditions on the island.

Cuban border patrol vessels and police appear to be making no effort to stop a flood of refugees which is growing daily. The beaches along the northwestern coast have become a springboard for Cubans to leave on makeshift rafts made from wood and rubber inner tubes.

In only four days this week, more than 1,700 "rafters" have been rescued at sea by the US Coast Guard, and taken to the Florida Keys 90 miles away.

Witnesses described scenes of hope and despair amid the departure of rafts every few minutes from coastal communities on the outskirts of Havana. At Cojimar beach, hundreds of people gathered to watch the departures, applauding each group as they left, and sending them on their way with good luck cries.

One spectator said: "The (Cuban) coastguard is doing nothing, so people get confident now and everyone is throwing together boats." Another added: "Fidel has said, 'If you want to, you can.'"

Would-be refugees, mainly young men, but some accompanied by wives, girlfriends, and children, began crowding the beaches early this week, in numbers not seen since the 1980 Mariel boat lift, when 125,000 Cubans crossed the Florida straits in five months. The exodus has been going on for several years since Cuba's economy began to fail after the break-up of the former Soviet bloc. Starved of support, Cuba has since begun to feel the full effects of a 30-year-old US economic embargo. Up to 65 per cent of Cuba's factories have closed, and shortages of fuel and spare parts have wreaked havoc with the island's one lucrative export, sugar.

Today, many basic items are only available to those who receive remittances in dollars from relatives in Miami. The dollar, officially valued at parity with the Cuban peso, is now worth 120 pesos on the black market. The average salary is 200 pesos a month (less than $2) and many people have given up their jobs to dedicate themselves to black market activities.

For those without jobs or access to dollars, and living on dwindling state rations, life has become a struggle. Power cuts this month have deprived Havana residents of television soaps operas, one of the last distractions from the daily grind.

The exodus grew from 2,200 rafters in 1991 to 3,600 last year. Already in 1994, it is more than 7,000. The latest surge began last month when a stolen tug with 72 refugees aboard was rammed by a pursuing Cuban vessel and 41 people drowned.

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CHUCK FADELY



A group of refugees, part of the new exodus from President Castro's Cuba, bailing water from their makeshift raft as it makes a perilous voyage across the Straits of Florida

Hundreds dying in Hemingway's hostile straits

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT IN KEYWEST, FLORIDA

THE wall at Arturo Cobo's office is covered with small white cards listing the names of hundreds of Cubans who have died attempting to cross the hostile Straits of Florida. Over the past few days, the pile of labels has grown enormously.

Mr Cobo, a Cuban who fled his country in 1960, has for two years run the Cuban Rafters Transit House, a tiny makeshift home in the backstreets of Key West and the first stopping place for more than 1,500 Cubans who have arrived in Florida in the last month.

Mr Cobo said the powerful Gulf Stream, sharks and dehydration kill 60 per cent of those trying to make the 90-mile crossing. "We have now reached the point where everyone wants to leave Cuba," he said. "There is no electricity, no medicine and no food. There is nothing left for these people."

On Wednesday, US Coast Guards picked up more than 300 people in an assortment of rafts made from drums, inner tubes and steel rods. Many were powered by converted car engines.

Raúl Selgado, 27, spent 65 hours at sea and witnessed three powerful storms before his raft of ten people was finally spotted by an American vessel. Like many of those who have taken to the seas, Señor Selgado is the first of his family to flee President Castro's Communist regime. "A lot of us younger people see no future there," he said. "I don't want to end up like my father, feeling I have wasted my life. When I saw the Florida coast I felt I had conquered the straits. My life was safe, and I had hopes for the future."

While most of the refugees are young men, women and children, a few lifelong members of the Communist Party and stalwarts of the regime have also made the voyage.

Omero Báldez Castillo, 52, arrived with his 91-year-old mother, Rosa. For more than 20 years, Señor Castillo had been a chauffeur for the Cuban government. He would ferry foreign dignitaries from meetings to the 100 luxurious houses he claimed were owned by Dr Castro and his brother Raúl. Señor Castillo claimed he had often delivered his charges, including several Latin American presidents, to orgies held by the President.



How Nicolielo of the *Diario Comercio & Industria*, a São Paulo publication, sees the exodus

Most of the refugees were too dazed by their journey to offer any evidence of whether Dr Castro is trying to mount another Mariel boat lift, the 1980 exodus in which about 125,000 Cubans arrived in Florida, causing a disaster for the state's economy and contributing to President Carter's election defeat. Officials at the transit camps believe Dr Castro is merely toying with the Clinton Administration to shore up his weakening power base. They believe that the Cuban leader, who last week threatened the United States with another Mariel, is allowing certain people to leave while imprisoning others even suspected of building a raft. Some refugees said they had encountered Cuban gunboats but had not been prevented from leaving.

Yesterday hundreds more Cubans took to the sea ignoring the words from *To Have and Have Not*, Ernest Hemingway's classic tale of smuggling in the Straits of Florida. "Brother, don't let them tell you there isn't plenty of water between Havana and Key West," he wrote.

Fuel crisis cripples UN in Haiti

FROM TOM RHODES IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

HUMANITARIAN aid for Haiti is in danger of grinding to a halt after 10,000 barrels of fuel for the United Nations mission was sealed at Port-au-Prince by government authorities.

The senior UN official in the capital said yesterday that the fuel, which has been locked in a depot since its delivery last month, was crucial to the needs of millions of Haitians. It is the fifth consignment of fuel to arrive since last December and is destined for 311 organisations. Stocks from the last shipment have been drained and most of the agencies are relying on dwindling reserves or a black market where fuel prices have jumped.

Ross Mountain, the UN humanitarian co-ordinator, said the government was discussing the situation and he hoped a solution could be found. "The humanitarian fuel programme provides the lifeblood of our total programme in Haiti," he said. "It supplies water, the delivery of food and drugs and the functioning of refrigeration for vaccines as well as generation for the hospitals."

If the Haitian military junta and government continue to obstruct access to the fuel then the UN mission will become virtually redundant. Human rights observers were expelled last month and the only UN presence on the ground is involved in the distribution of humanitarian aid.

While this latest act of brinkmanship seems designed to test the United States still further, the regime has been given little sign that America will carry out its threat of invasion since the recent UN resolution granted permission for military intervention.

There is debate in Washington over whether America's national interests are at stake in Haiti and whether Americans will tolerate an invasion. Growing concern has been voiced over whether the present leadership should necessarily be replaced by Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the elected president who was ousted by a coup in 1991.

In the slums areas of Port-au-Prince many Haitians may be suffering desperate hunger and oppression but, as one Western diplomat put it, "none is prepared to stand in front of the barrel of a gun to restore Aristide to power".

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Condemned smuggler 'reprieved'

Singapore: A Dutch businessman facing execution for drug smuggling gained a reprieve of one week yesterday as his government made efforts to save his life. President Ong had rejected a clemency plea by Johannes van Damme, who was convicted of possessing 10 lb of heroin in April 1993. *(AP)*

Activists held

Kathmandu: More than 600 activists, including former MPs, were arrested and two vehicles set on fire here as demonstrators clashed with police in a Communist-led protest against the Prime Minister, Girija Prasad Koirala. *(AFP)*

Abacus returns

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia has launched a campaign to make every school student learn to use the abacus by 2000 after recent studies showed that many Japanese executives used the abacus to supplement calculators and computers. *(AP)*

Peace talks

Bogotá: Colombia's biggest guerrilla group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, said it was willing to take up a government offer of negotiations to end its 28-year struggle. *(Reuter)*

Unfair game

Seville: A game preserve in southern Spain faces a fine of up to £76,000 for the shooting and killing of a lynx during a rabbit hunt. *(Reuter)*

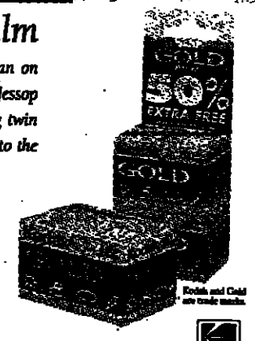


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Mexico's election reforms fail to impress sceptics

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO'S general election tomorrow may well be the fairest and most closely observed in the country's history, but it remains the least democratic in the Western Hemisphere, with the exception of Cuba.

That is the sad conclusion of many observers and experts here who say that while reforms to Mexico's electoral system in recent months have reduced the possibility of large-scale fraud, the changes are insufficient and have come too late. "We live between uncertainty and hope," said Sergio Aguayo, head of the Civic Alliance, a coalition of 300 non-governmental groups that has made an unprecedented effort backed by the United Nations to assess the elections independently.

Under domestic and international pressure, Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), which has ruled uninterrupted for 65 years, has allowed independent observers to monitor the electoral process for the first time. They include the first foreign observers at a Mexican election. But analysts say the PRI has still abused its power by refusing to give up control of the electoral bureaucracy.

The Civic Alliance has organised 12,000 volunteers to monitor voting in some of the 96,000 polling booths. The two main opposition parties hope also to have delegates at most voting places and have set up their own computer centres to provide a vote count.

The Federal Electoral Institute remains under the authority of the Ministry of the Interior. Observers have also criticised the PRI bias in television coverage, the use of public funds in the PRI's election campaign, and the lack of control on campaign spending by the party, estimated at more than $100 million (£66 million).

Criticism has also been made of the electoral register, which is said to contain large numbers of "phantom voters", despite efforts to cleanse the list. One study of 100,000 voters in the capital found that 244 were older than 104, and 140 of those were older than 114. The study also found 1,297 voters did not exist, including 300 people registered at an address that turned out to be a municipal water plant.

In June Fernando Bazu, a political scientist, tested the electoral system and was able to obtain multiple voting credentials using false names and addresses. His findings were ignored and he was charged with violating electoral laws and forced to flee the country. The ruling party has also hired Mexican companies and foreign experts to audit the voter register and evaluate other aspects of the electoral process. Although these studies have broadly declared the system to be fair, many independent observers have challenged this.

Opinion polls have shown that 50 per cent of Mexicans expect there to be fraud. "The degree of suspicion and expectations of fraud are greater than I have seen elsewhere. There is suspicion about everything," Horacio Boneo, director of a UN election monitoring group, said.

Other observers have been more critical. A detailed report by the Carter Centre, which is headed by Jimmy Carter, the former US President, concluded: "If voters believe their vote will not count and consequently do not vote with their conscience, then even the most procedurally immaculate election will not reflect the will of the people."

Mistrust stems largely from a long history of voter fraud in Mexican elections. As recently as last November, large-scale fraud was witnessed in local elections in the state of Yucatan. Observers accused the PRI of vote buying, ballot-box stuffing and receiving more votes than there were voters at some polling booths.

Many Mexican opposition voters still have fresh memories of the last presidential election in 1988. After early returns showed the PRI in third place, the government shut down the main frame of the vote-counting computer and declared its candidate the winner.

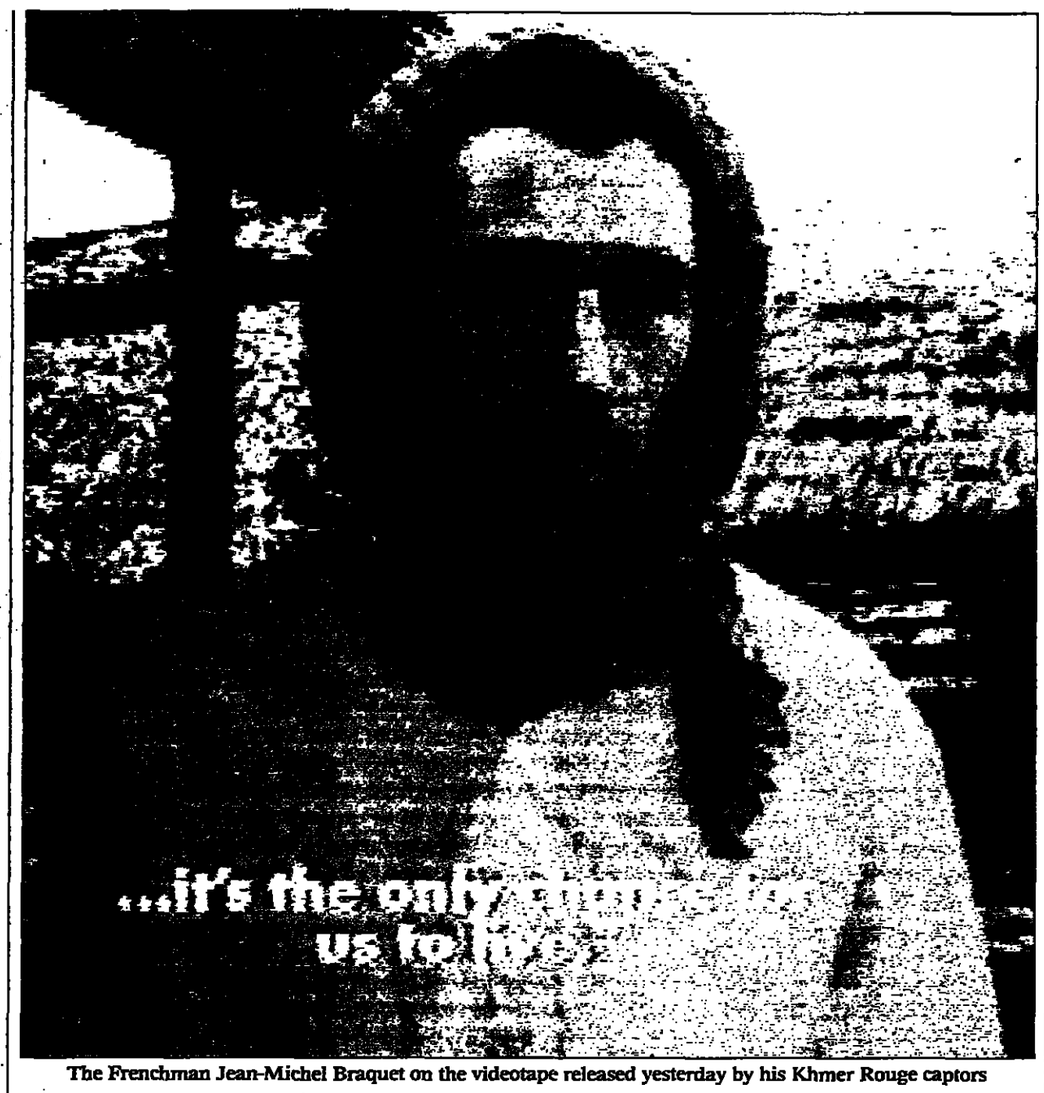
In the closing stages of campaigning, President Salinas de Gortari urged Mexicans to turn out and assured them the presidential and legislative elections would be clean. "The more citizens vote, the better it will be for the country," he said.

President Salinas insisted the vote would be fair: the electoral register had been audited 36 times, a special prosecutor for electoral crimes has been appointed, voters will have their fingers dabbed in indelible ink to keep them from voting a second time, ballot boxes will be transparent, and booths will be private, he said.

CARTOONISTS AND WRITERS SYNDICATE



The ghost of Mexican elections past as seen by Arcadio of *La Nacion* in San José, Costa Rica



The Frenchman Jean-Michel Braquet on the videotape released yesterday by his Khmer Rouge captors

Khmer Rouge release hostage video

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CAMBODIAN guerrillas who are holding a Briton and two other Western hostages yesterday released a videotape showing the bedraggled trio pleading for a ransom to be paid for their release.

Mark Slater, 28, from Corby, Northamptonshire, is seen apparently being pushed out of camerashot when he begins to say his health is not good. Mr Slater, David Wilson, 29, from Melbourne, Australia, and Jean-Michel Braquet, 28, from Nice, France, were taken hostage after a Khmer Rouge ambush on a train on July 26 in which 13 people were killed.

Hopes that at least one hostage would be released yesterday failed to materialise. Prince Norodom Sirivudh, the Foreign Minister, returned empty-handed from a trip to the region where the three men are being held at the Khmer Rouge's Vine Mountain camp, nearly 100 miles south of the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh.

The video, believed to have been made on Tuesday, shows the hostages asking the Cambodian army to stop shelling Khmer bases in the area. Mr Wilson says: "It is getting dangerous for us to live here. The (military) action is putting all of our lives in jeopardy." He tells his family: "I miss and love you all." The three men look dirty and dishevelled, and are wearing shorts and shirts. Mr Wilson is the only one with footwear — a pair of plastic sandals.

They read from what appears to be a prepared statement and are frequently prompted by their captors. "Put the date at the end of the message," one guerrilla can be heard telling Mr Wilson on the video, which was broadcast by the BBC.

Senior Cambodian officials have confirmed that the government is prepared to pay a ransom. A senior army commander said that Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the First Prime Minister, had authorised the payment of $150,000 (£98,000).



Slater: taken hostage by guerrillas after ambush

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sri Lanka leader promises change

Colombo: The new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, boasting a parliamentary majority of one, or perhaps two, took over yesterday with a pledge to take bold steps to end the decade-old civil war with Tamil rebels (Christopher Thomas writes).

She promised commissions of inquiry into human rights abuses, a free press, continuation of a market economy and a campaign against corruption.

Prisoners freed

Jericho: Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, has met Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, in Gaza City. Israel began freeing 250 Palestinians from prisons in the West Bank to bolster support for the peace process.

Poll ruling

Hong Kong: A citizen has been disqualified from standing as a candidate in local elections because of the ten years he spent as a political prisoner in China. He fails to meet the colony's residence requirements.

Lesotho leader

Maseru: Hae Phoofolo, a human rights lawyer, has been sworn in as chairman of a provisional council to rule Lesotho. The move was made after the Prime Minister was ousted by King Letsie III. *(AFP)*

£10m memorial

New York: New York will build a Holocaust memorial museum overlooking the Statue of Liberty, city planners said. The £10 million memorial will contain artefacts and the videotaped testimony of survivors.

Lucky dip

Canberra: Two legal brothels in Canberra will donate "hour-long interludes" as first prizes in raffles to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Two books of tickets have been sold in parliament. *(Reuter)*

US awaits double court date

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

SEPTEMBER 19 is looming as a red-letter court date after the announcement that the trial of Heidi Fleiss, the alleged Hollywood madam, is due to start on the same day as that of O.J. Simpson.

Officials say that it is coincidence that the headline-grabbing Simpson murder case will be distracting the world's attention while the woman accused of supplying film stars and producers with call girls stands trial.

Seasoned sceptics are less sure. "I'd call it deliberateness," says Leslie Abramson, the defence lawyer who is famed for her role in the gruesome Menendez brothers' trial. "Nobody wants publicity on their cases and I am quite sure that [the lawyers in the Fleiss case] are intelligent enough to have figured it out."

Either way, that fateful Monday will be a marvellous day for the cable channel, Court TV, and the start of a long nightmare for devotees of the daily soap operas, talk shows and quiz shows that the trials will displace.

Rebel of Tinseltown gives serial killers star treatment

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

REBEL Hollywood film director Oliver Stone is up to his ears in gore and discord once again with the imminent release of his film about two serial killers-turned-celebrities, which some critics have attacked as the final word in violent bad taste.

***Natural Born Killers*, starring Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis, which opens in America next week, tells the heart-warming, heart-stopping tale of a pair of lovers who set off to murder their way around the American Midwest. Having piled up no less than 52 corpses, they are embraced by an American chat show called, believably enough, *American Maniacs* and transformed into national heroes.**

Mr Stone, 47, whose film *JFK* attracted widespread condemnation (and large audiences) with its bald espousal of the conspiracy theory, insists that *Natural Born Killers* is a satire on the lurid preoccupations of the US media. His critics, however, maintain that while mainstream American film audiences are unfamiliar with the delicacies of satire they know and like gratuitous bloodshed when they see it. Some have compared the film's graphic violence to Stanley Kubrick's film *A Clockwork Orange*.



Stone: maintains film reflects reality

***Variety*, the Hollywood trade magazine, described the film as "possibly the most hallucinatory and anarchic picture made at a major Hollywood studio in at least 20 years ... a psychedelic documentary about the American cult of sex, violence and celebrity".**

Evidence of that cult is not hard to find: serial killers Charles Manson and Jeffrey Dahmer have both been interviewed on prime-time television in the past year and the recent execution of mass-murderer John Wayne Gacey prompted breathless media coverage and a run on his oil paintings. Such figures as the Menendez Brothers, Lorena Bobbitt and Amy Fisher have killed or maimed their way into mythical status while the case of O.J. Simpson was ready-made for television.

Warner Brothers has released a press release insisting that *Natural Born Killers* is merely a witty exaggeration of reality. The director rejects the accusation that he is exploiting rather than exposing the grisly sensationalism of the times. "I just reflect what I see around me," Mr Stone told *The New York Times*.

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URGENT APPEAL

WITH MILLIONS having fled from mass genocide in Rwanda, a UN spokesperson described the human tidal wave as 'of biblical proportions'.

Thousands of people are dying of disease and starvation on a scale which has reduced seasoned aid workers to tears.

Dead people lie where they have collapsed through dysentery or lack of water. Orphaned infants struggle to survive without basic supplies. And with an estimated 3,000 refugees dying every day, the air is filled with the stench of decaying corpses.

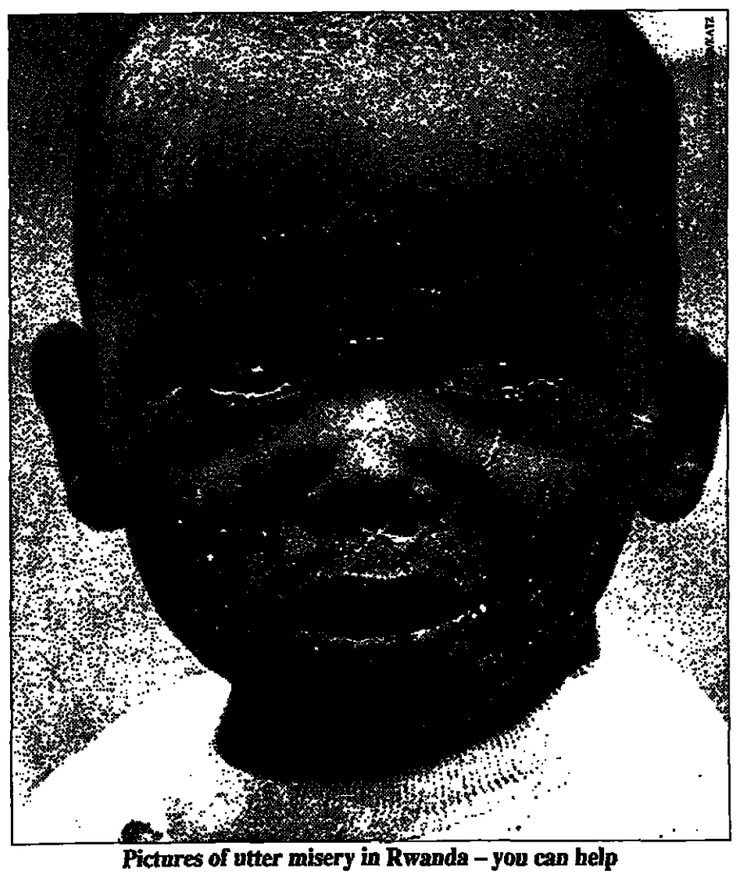
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Baby contracted Aids from no known source

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE case of a newborn baby who contracted Aids in a New York hospital has mystified American health officials since the child was exposed to none of the known methods of infection.

Both parents of the child, now aged 11 months, tested negative for HIV and the baby did not receive any blood products, hospital officials said. The case, which was reported this week in the British medical journal *The Lancet*, is believed to be the first unexplained transmission of Aids in a hospital.

New York health officials suspect that the baby may have been infected by a hospital worker, but this theory cannot be confirmed. Susan Blank of the New York Health Department said "there was nothing we could point a finger at". Another spokesman said: "The hypothesis is that infection occurred during a weeklong hospital stay that began when the baby was 11 days old."

The baby began to suffer from ulcers soon after leaving hospital and three months later was diagnosed as having Aids.

Health officials have refused to name the hospital, but news reports have identified a private clinic in Brooklyn.

At the start of this year the Health Department laid down new rules requiring all doctors, dentists and nurses to undergo training in preventing infection as a precondition for renewing medical licences.

Silence isn't just for crooks

Michael Zander cautions that ending the right to silence may not increase conviction rates

The old, familiar caution "You do not have to say anything unless you wish to do so, but what you say may be given in evidence" — 22 words — is to be replaced. The new 60-word caution will require the police to say: "You do not have to say anything. But if you do not mention now something which you later use in your defence, the court may decide that your failure to mention it now strengthens the case against you. A record will be made of anything you say and it may be given in evidence if you are brought to trial."

The new caution is necessary to give effect to the Government's "abolition of the right of silence" in the Police and Criminal Justice Bill. The Bill provides that both the prosecution and the judge will be entitled to invite the jury to draw inferences of guilt from the suspect's silence in response to police questioning. The Bill will shortly receive Royal Assent, and it will go into operation next spring.

If adverse inferences can be drawn from silence, obviously the suspect must be warned and the caution must be redrafted. But it is certain that many suspects will be baffled by the new caution.

Asked whether he thought the proposed new caution was not rather long-winded, the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, said on Thursday: "I don't think that it is very long-winded and use of a caution in very similar terms in Northern Ireland does not appear to have given rise to any problem."

But Mr Howard has no means of knowing whether use of the new longer caution has caused problems in Northern Ireland. No research has been done on this.

On the contrary, research by Isabel Clare and Ghisli Gudjonnson suggests that many suspects do not properly understand the present simple caution. They tested the present Notice to Detained Persons on 100 adults with a full IQ range of 60-128. Only 42 per cent fully understood the caution, and only 52 per cent understood that the purpose of the caution is to inform the suspect that he has a right to be silent.

The new text may yet be improved, but however much it is simplified, it is bound to remain difficult to comprehend — if only because the suspect's position is unavoidably complex.

The Government's purpose in making the change is to secure the conviction of more of the guilty. The concern of civil libertarians, however, is that greater pressure on the suspect to talk will lead to more false confessions by innocent persons and thereby to more miscarriages of justice. This was the reason given by the majority of the Runciman Royal Commission for its recommendation that the right of silence should be preserved. The Government, however, rejected that view.

No research could ever establish whether the change does result in the conviction of more persons — let alone whether they were innocent or guilty. But it is unlikely that the hopes of the Government and the police will be realised.

The police are understandably frustrated by the suspect who says nothing or who replies to all questions with the stock answer "No comment". The proportion of such cases is increasing, especially among those relating to more serious charges. The police see the change in the caution as a way to get more suspects to talk and to get more convictions of those who still choose not to talk.

But many suspects who are silent today will probably go on being silent. Seven defendants in ten have previous convictions. Experience of the criminal justice system may suggest to those who are silent that the value of silence is likely greatly to outweigh the penalty of adverse inferences suggested to the jury by the prosecution and the judge.

There is of course nothing to prevent a jury now from drawing adverse inferences from the fact of a defendant's silence. No doubt sometimes they do so. The question is how much difference will be made when the prosecution and the judge can both suggest that the jury should, or at least may, draw such inferences.

> More and more suspects are opting to remain silent

The suspect sophisticated enough to know that silence is sensible will often remain silent. The suspects who will talk may be the less sophisticated, who are most at risk of making a false confession.

Ironically, silence in the police station may actually increase rather than decrease, because solicitors may advise suspects to be silent more often than now — in order to defuse the possibility of adverse inferences. If the suspect says to the jury "I was silent on the advice of my solicitor", the defence will argue that it would be unreasonable for the jury to draw adverse inferences from his silence — and the judge may support this argument.

However, silence in the police station is in fact much less of a problem for the police than most of them realise. Research shows that a high proportion of suspects who are silent in the police station end by pleading guilty. Those who are silent in the police station and plead not guilty are found guilty about as often as suspects who were not silent in the police station.

It is therefore possible that in a few years' time, the police will come to see that abolition of the right to silence has not brought them the hoped-for advantages. It is also possible that by then the European Court of Human Rights will have ruled in the Murray case, that the abolition of the right to silence in Northern Ireland in 1988 is contrary to the European Convention and therefore unlawful. That case was recently declared to be admissible by the European Commission, but judgment by the Strasbourg Court will take several years. By then Mr Howard will no doubt have moved on to other things.

Professor Michael Zander of the London School of Economics was a member of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice.

There is still a world elsewhere

Anne McElvoy on the literary prospects for the latest author forced to flee her homeland

Taslima Nasreen, the feminist Bangladeshi writer, languishes this week in a Swedish hideaway savouring fresh air and rest after two months in hiding from a *fatwa* imposed by Islamic fundamentalists. Safe from the mullahs, she is however poised to become the focus of a more discreet struggle: the contest for virtue between her host country and Norway, both of whom are claiming that they were responsible for organising her midnight flit from Dhaka to safety in the West.

It is a fair bet that the author, who is reported to be mentally and physically exhausted after her ordeal, has only a vague idea of this competition for her soul, still less any clear idea how to shape her future outside her own country. Like many involuntary émigrés before, she has become a hostage to the ambitions of her protectors.

Confusion still surrounds Ms Nasreen's departure from Bangladesh. Norwegian officials were rumoured to have accompanied her to Bangkok and issued her a passport, but the real credit for outmanoeuvring her pursuers seems to rest with the Swedish Embassy in Dhaka. She is now being looked after by the Stockholm branch of PEN, which is delighted to have recaptured some of its Cold War cachet as the standard-bearer of literary freedoms.

In Oslo, where they are proud to be emerging from the backwaters of international politics through their brokerage of the Middle East peace accord, the Foreign Ministry has confirmed that the writer has been given a tourist visa, and that she is expected in the coming weeks. Aides of Stockholm's Foreign Minister, Margarita af Ugglas, can hardly contain their irritation. There is, apparently, room for only one exemplary kingdom of benevolence in Scandinavia, and the Swedes, hosts to the Nobel prize ceremony and traditional extenders of hospitality to the persecuted, are miffed that Nasreen may be snatched from them.

On the quality of Nasreen's output, it is kindest to be silent. But she does have a claim to kinship with the first recorded literary exile, Ovid, who was also a writer with a penchant for erotica and as a victim of moral as well as literary judgments. He was dispatched to an outpost of the Roman Empire on the Black Sea after incurring the wrath of the Emperor Augustus because of displeasure in high places at the juicy parts of his *Ars Amatoria* and unknown indiscretions surrounding the ruler's daughter and her fast crowd. Nasreen's lifestyle (two husbands and a lover) is as much on trial in Dhaka as the preface to her novel *Shame*, in which she denounces the "malignant influence" of fundamentalism.

The effects of uprooting a writer from his or her native culture are unpredictable. Ovid went into a decline and spent his time bitterly bemoaning his isolation in the *Songs of Sadness* and writing unacknowledged poetic supplications to the Emperor.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, when stripped of his citizenship at the whim of a later empire's ruler, found himself dumped in Germany, a country he did not much admire, and entrusted to Heinrich Böll, a fellow Nobel-prizewinner. There could scarcely have been a worse match. The conservative, strongly Orthodox Russian writer found his left-liberal Catholic host wearisome, and Böll found his guest's nationalist and anti-Soviet tirades discordant with his salon's milieu. Within no time, Solzhenitsyn moved to Switzerland, found it stifling too, and, from a pile of estate agents' brochures, blindly bought a house in Vermont with a high fence and woods to remind him of the Russia he had lost. His history of the causes of the Revolution, *The Red Wheel*, written there, lacks the immediacy and power of his earlier works.

German literature was flung wholesale into outer darkness after 1933, sending all its stars into exile. The "other Germany" was to be found in London, France, Scandinavia and America. The Soviet Union absorbed socialist writers and sympathisers, but then turned its wrath on randomly selected "scribbler agents of German influence", turning a shelter into a prison.

Those who escaped such cruel vicissitudes found the experience artistically fruitful. Mann produced his outstanding *Doktor Faustus* outside the country which inspired it, and enthusiastically became the embodiment of high German culture in America.

Bertolt Brecht matured as both poet and playwright during a nine-year itinerant absence from the Fatherland. "Changing countries more often than we changed our shoes", as he wrote in his poem "To Those Born Later". But success did not stop him fretting constantly about the indignities of banishment. One letter to Walter Benjamin has him complaining that he cannot work on the hard wooden benches of Scandinavia, and asking the critic to return the horse-hair cushion he left behind in Paris.

Less encouraging is the record of writers who left one Germany for another. The poet Wolf Biermann lacerated East Berlin's leadership with style and wit until he was catapulted to the West, whereupon it rapidly became clear that without the follies of the Communist Party's "rats and dragons" plaguing him, he had nothing much to say. During the dispiriting days of the late 1980s, it was said that there were more East Berlin poets in Hamburg than in East Berlin, but the reluctance to leave remained palpable. "More than I wish to go," lamented Steffen Mensching in a poem of this period, "I wish for a reason to stay."

Taslima Nasreen's misfortune is that the reasons for going were so much more pressing. She is unlikely to be the last writer to be forced to undertake an unexpected journey by night to an unfamiliar country, nor the first to pine in the days that follow for the homeland which hounded her.

The house that tithes built

Cathedrals should stop wailing about the need for government money, and start charging for entry

Simon Jenkins

Name the ten greatest works of art in Britain and every one will be a cathedral. Stretch it to 20, and painters and sculptors might enter the lists. But none can challenge the giants of the Middle Ages: the Chapter House at Wells, the nave at Durham, the octagon vault at Ely, Exeter's roof, Chester's stalls, the Angel Choir at Lincoln. These stand in the first division of Europe's masterpieces. They are the best.

This week's *Times* survey of the state of Britain's cathedrals was timed to coincide with the forthcoming Howe report, prepared for the Church itself. The survey revealed, unsurprisingly, that the owners of these treasures are complaining as never before that nobody loves them. They are chronically short of money, roughly £200 million by the end of the decade. Overwhelmed by decay, they declare that stigma of the helpless classes, a "funding crisis". The Government must act.

Must it? Let us return to "the plant". Near the top of any list would be the stair and Chapter House at Wells. A tongue of stone curves upwards into an astonishing octagon, its light shattered over the floor by traceried windows. In the middle, a huge pillar of tightly clasped shafts soars upwards, to burst into 36 ribs. These seem to rise into the sky, joining the wall ribs like palm fronds waving in a breeze. This is Decorated at its most exotic. It is England breaking free from France, the 13th century from the 12th, Edward I from Henry III. Nobody gazing on this room could ever accuse the English of solemnity or reserve.

In over a dozen visits I have rarely shared the Wells Chapter House with another visitor. Its glory is unmarketed, unexplained, unsold. I would gladly pay £2, or £5, or even £10 to see it. I can see it for nothing. If the dean and chapter can afford me this luxury, good for them. I will praise and magnify their name. But I know that they cannot. Like all cathedrals, Wells is desperate for cash. It will take from the Government, from sponsors, from donors, from the Church Commissioners. The one group from whom it will not take is fee-paying visitors. Wells is subject to the Great Taboo. Its hands may not be sullied by any compulsory charge.

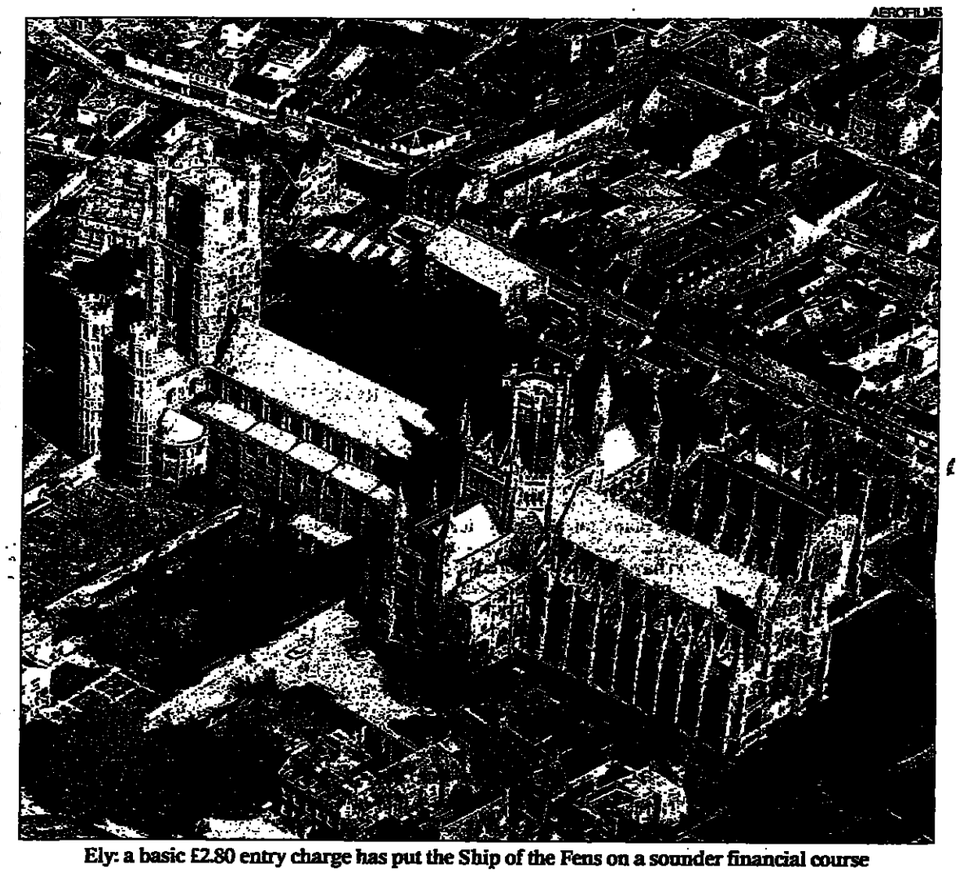
In 1977, when government began giving historic buildings grants to parish churches, the cathedrals were regarded as too well-off to need help. Whitehall pointed out that they enjoyed secular as well as ecclesiastical support. Their building appeals are usually met. Winchester has recently raised £7 million, Lichfield £7.5 million, Gloucester £3.2 million, York £2.5 million, Birmingham £1.5 million. Bristol has Nuclear Electric sponsorship. Lincoln has National Power and NatWest. Salisbury refused an offer from McDonald's on the ground that hamburgers are beneath its dignity. It turned out that taking £500,000 from the taxpayer was not.

In 1990, the Church of England lobbied the Government to end this exclusion and won £20 million over five years. This period is about to end. The cathedrals now want more. As the *Times* survey shows, they want more with no strings, and especially no requirement that they charge visitors. The bulk of England's 42 cathedrals turn with horror from the prospect. They mutter about Christ and the moneychangers. They regard the cathedral as a last outpost of free welfare against a siege of Thatcherite hordes. They tie themselves in ethical knots to pretend they are morally superior to attractions that do charge, such as the National Trust or museums or theme parks.

The result is often absurd. The typical cathedral is adorned with a huge fundraising thermometer that would discredit a car boot sale. The marketing message is awful: that the cathedral is in trouble and that nobody thinks it good enough to save. Inside, when visitors should be gasping in awe, they are confronted by a chicane of barriers lined with photographs of thin Africans and fat deathwatch beetles. They are told that their presence costs £4.50 a head and they should donate £1.50 towards it. A clear plastic chest stands waiting, crudely stuffed with money like a prop from the Lavender Hill Mob.

Over it a steward stands watch. He wears a fixed Madame Tussaud smile, which twitches slightly towards the chest as each visitor passes. Ignore him and the smile tightens into a grimace. Uriah Heep becomes Obadiah Slope. If the visitor leaves nothing, he is meant to traipse the nave and aisles burdened with guilt, feeling the moral blackmail heavy on his shoulder. Failure to pay Carey's pence is the height of turpitude. The visitor responds by scurrying round and leaving fast.

This is a ridiculous and humiliating charade. It does not work. Norwich asks for £1.50 and gets an average 16p. St Edmondsbury asks for £2 and gets 60p. Nor does the Church of England really believe that cathedrals should be free, or it would not go to such lengths to secure payment. Everything about its welcome says pay up. It is simply terrified of the political row that goes with making its entry charges compulsory.



AEROFILMS

Ely: a basic £2.80 entry charge has put the Ship of the Fens on a sounder financial course

Cathedrals are expensive. The only question is who should pay for them. They were built from compulsory tithes. They accept government grants, which come from compulsory taxes, presumably treating such compulsion as morally laundered by passing through State hands. In the last century, most cathedrals charged casual visitors for entry. Today St Paul's, Ely and Christ Church, Oxford, charge between £2.50 and £3 each, and have transformed their finances in the process. Nobody else has yet had the guts to follow them.

Fifteen million people a year enter a cathedral. They should pay. Cathedrals are big-time tourism. More people visit St Paul's than London Zoo. More go to Westminster Abbey than the Tower of London. More visit York Minster than Blackpool Tower. Salisbury outstrips Hampton Court. Chester beats Stonehenge. Few of these visitors come to pray, and those that do can have special tickets or use a side door and a private chapel. Most come to admire a great work of art, and are paying coach operators, taxis, trains, garages, cafés and hotels a fortune to do so. Yet the object of their pilgrimage, the cathedral, denies itself any share of this spending.

Cathedrals — at least the 27 great Gothic ones — are the only churches with the power to raise large sums. As they are beautiful so they might be rich. They once were. They could easily be so again. It must be wrong for them to claim money from the taxpayer without being willing to claim it from their visitors. These buildings should be yielding a surplus, pushing money out to help needy parish churches with their maintenance. Parish churches, with no such power to raise money, are the real losers from the cathedrals' smugness.

English cathedrals used to be down-to-earth places. Their finest historian, John Harvey, remarked that "French cathedrals dominate by their remoteness, German ones crush by superhuman size, Spanish ones are dark and throbbing hearts of sombre mysticism, Italian ones are the theatricality of children at play." English cathedrals were quite different. They were "warm, welcoming, homely" places, each a congeries of style and experiment, a treasure house of art and engineering. Harvey dedicated himself to finding the names of their architects, but never found the master of Wells Chapter House.

These churches are plainly the work of Ruskin's artists as "happy men". They are the most instantly lovable structures in the world. They need never be short of money.

Kelvin's view

DIARY

IGNORE Andrew Morton's latest blockbuster about the Princess of Wales. Forget the revelations about gaps in the Prince's summer wardrobe. Kelvin MacKenzie, the Rottweiler of Fleet Street, is to sink his teeth into the House of Windsor.

I understand that MacKenzie has been in New York discussing prospects for a royal film. Spurning an avalanche of lucrative job offers at home, he crossed the Atlantic recently to discuss prospects for a drama concerning relations between the Prince of Wales, his wife and his alleged mistress Camilla Parker Bowles.

It may simply be coincidence that his former employee Caroline Graham, *The Sun*'s correspondent in New York and a close friend, is on the verge of publishing her book *Camilla: The King's Mistress*. But there have been suggestions that any film MacKenzie made would follow her storyline very closely.

Previews of Graham's book suggest it presents Camilla's side of the story. "She is a woman who loves him without question, who adores him beyond everything," she wrote recently. Yesterday neither MacKenzie nor Graham was available for comment.

● *The former Conservative MEP Sir Christopher Prout's elevation to a peerage yesterday is consolation for being dumped by constituents of Shropshire and Stafford in May's Euro-elections. He has yet, however, to shake off his Euro-soubriquet: "Brussels Prout".*

Zzz-cars

NO ONE is more upset at Michael Howard's hopelessly unwieldy 60-word police caution for suspects than those who pen the nation's TV cop dramas. After several attempts, scriptwriters have rejected it as unworkable.

Executives at *The Bill* say they plan to use the tongue-twister just once for the sake of authenticity. "From then on we will show the beginning of the caution and cut to another scene. It's just too long."

Colin Dexter, creator of Inspector Morse, is shunning it altogether. "I'll look at it I suppose but I doubt I will understand it. I shall bypass it and dip into the third person. 'Morse then duly cautioned the suspect,' something like that."

● *Contemplating the unseemly scrum for university places on Thursday was higher education minister Tim Boswell. "Thank goodness we don't have to run the system," he said, mopping his brow at the launch of Ben Pimlott's* Frustrate Their Knavish Tricks.

Roll on

HOW REFRESHING to read that the Duchess of Kent is still at the cutting edge of fashion. Not just because full-length photographs of her occupy three pages of next month's *Vogue*. Or, as the magazine's editor Alexandra Shulman puts it, that "she still maintains a pair of legs that can survive the occasional appearance in leggings".

The Duchess, it transpires, is accomplished on Rollerblades, the ice-skates on wheels with which teenagers terrorise dog-walkers in Hyde Park. "Once a keen horsewoman," writes Shulman, "the Duchess is nowadays more often to be found . . . taking a morning run or expertly weaving around on a pair of Rollerblades."

● *Lorena Bobbitt is unlikely to be forgotten for exacting her revenge last summer. Cassell's Concise English Dictionary has a new entry: "bobbitt, v. (N Am) to sever the penis of one's husband or lover".*



Waif hello

A STAR-BURST of a clash looms on September 5, with the micro-skirted Naomi Campbell fighting for space against the shockingly vulgar novelist Erica Jong.





Campbell's first literary effort, *Swan*, "a runaway romance and catwalk thriller", is launched on the same day as Jong's *Fear of Fifty: A Mid-Life Autobiography*.

Invitations are winging their way round London. Campbell (*left*) has nabbed more glamour: Kate Moss, Yasmin Le Bon and Rupert Everett. Jong (*right*), meanwhile, has invited a number of, well, middle-aged types: Glenda Jackson, Germaine Greer and Melvyn Bragg. As one publisher comments from the sidelines: "This is a titanic clash. Dick Francis is launching his book *Wild Horses* at the Ritz that night as well."

Jilly Cooper, who once suffered similarly when her novel launch coincided with another, offers a warning: "Everyone in London will be very drunk that night," she said. "They should all join forces. That would be a brilliant party."

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OUTFOXING CASTRO

The Cuban exodus must be tackled by political means

By replaying the Mariel Harbour card he last used in 1980 and permitting any Cubans who can lash a raft together to sail for America, Fidel Castro has already given himself the satisfaction of producing yet more disarray in the troubled White House. The Clinton Administration's midnight decision to detain all "rafters" or ship them to the US Guantánamo base in Cuba had an aura of panic about it, coming as it did only hours after the President's spokesman had insisted that the exodus was "orderly", that most refugees could be placed with relatives and that no change in policy was in view.

The risks for the Castro regime may, however, be higher than they were in 1980, when he emptied the jails and encouraged Cuban Americans to sail for Mariel and bring back 125,000 of their compatriots — including some they were subsequently appalled to find in their midst. Then, he was secure in Soviet support and financial subsidies. Today, Cuba is an isolated country in which severe economic hardship has compounded political disaffection. The most basic goods are in short supply, the important sugar harvest this year is terrible and workers are paid so poorly that many do not bother to turn up for their official state jobs: survival impels them to the growing black market. Addressing the party faithful earlier this month, Dr Castro himself said that the country "cannot go on like this" and posed a once-unthinkable question: "Is it that we are going to destroy the revolution ourselves?"

The violent riots in Havana earlier this month — the first since the 1959 revolution — began with people surging to the harbour area, following rumours of space on Florida-bound ferries. The last exodus was a controlled explosion, skilfully exploited by Dr Castro. Although the regime has a formidable security apparatus, this one might not be so easy to channel. Yet this makes Mr Clinton's dilemma no easier. As set out in the 1992 Cuban Democracy Act which tightened the 32-year American embargo, the aim of American policy is officially "to seek a peaceful transition to democracy and a resumption of economic growth in Cuba". Spiralling disorder is not in its interest.

Mr Clinton still hopes to treat this simply as an immigration issue. But there is no certainty that detention at American hands, inside or outside the US, will be sufficient deterrent — even if Mr Clinton repeals the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966 which entitles Cubans who reach American shores to near-automatic rights to stay. Short of banning remittances to Cuba — which would further intensify the hardship that fuels the exodus — Washington has no sanctions left against an uncooperative Castro that are not already being applied. Knowing this, Dr Castro says that he will discuss the migration question only if America lifts its economic blockade.

This is well-aimed blackmail that makes it difficult for Mr Clinton to respond, as he should, and turn to the clause in the 1992 Act that commits the US "to reduce sanctions in carefully calibrated response to positive developments in Cuba". The Spanish and Mexican governments have few "positive developments" to show for the economic carrots they have extended. But without entering negotiations, Mr Clinton would be wise to spell out what America expects of Cuba, and what the rewards would be if political prisoners were freed, human rights monitored by the UN, constitutional reforms put in train and elections held.

This would put the Castro regime on the defensive. It would deprive Dr Castro of the patriot's mantle, forcing him to justify a refusal to take steps that could end Cuba's isolation and alleviate its poverty. He has outlasted eight American presidents. New methods might render his regime more vulnerable to the ninth, by aligning America in the camp of compassion as well as freedom.

TIME FOR CAUTION

Howard's proposals are too promising to be rushed

Michael Howard announced two fundamental reforms of the criminal justice system this week which are as potentially beneficial as they are undoubtedly controversial. The Home Secretary's plans for a national DNA computer register and proposals for a new police caution have inspired inevitable anxieties. These concerns should not be ignored. But neither should they be allowed to delay legitimate change.

The prospect of a DNA database storing the "genetic fingerprints" of arrested suspects will strike some as a monstrous use of technology to erode civil liberties. But a sense of proportion is essential. All that distinguishes the proposed register from existing fingerprint files is scientific sophistication. The method has already been used successfully in investigations involving serious crimes such as terrorism, murder, rape and armed robbery.

The DNA record proposed by Mr Howard should enable the police to apprehend many criminals more quickly using tiny traces of human tissue or bodily fluid. The detectives investigating the case of Alan Conner, the rapist who killed himself this month after strangling a hotel waitress, argued that DNA testing might have saved her life. Had Conner's DNA profile been recorded when he was convicted of rape in 1986, he might have been caught and jailed when he raped another woman six years later. This claim by the police is speculative. But it should give the civil liberties lobby pause for thought.

Mr Howard's proposal for a new police caution needs more careful scrutiny. Again, there is nothing wrong in principle with his plan to modify the defendant's so-called "right to silence": it is simply an overdue change to the rules of evidence. Defendants will still have the right not to co-operate with police questioning and with court cross-examination. But judges and prosecutors will be entitled to draw a jury's attention to this decision. Making a suspect's silence admissible as evidence should make it less easy for criminals to thwart prosecution simply by saying nothing. But this change in forensic practice will also require changes to the way in which policemen caution suspects. At present, a simple warning is given that "what you say may be given in evidence". Various options are now under consideration as a suitable replacement.

One example cited this week warns the suspect that "if you do not mention now something which you may later use in your defence, the court may decide that your failure to mention it now strengthens the case against you". This formula would be appropriate to a situation where, for example, a suspect refused to explain why he was at the scene of the crime and then later produced an implausible excuse when cross-examined in court. The jury would now be entitled to draw conclusions about this behaviour. But this particular form of words would not cover all contingencies. Under the proposals, a variety of formulae would be needed in different situations.

The risks in this approach are obvious. In particular, it is unfair to expect police officers to memorise a variety of lengthy cautions to match different circumstances. Defence lawyers would soon be claiming that their clients had been cautioned inappropriately — as indeed they might well be in moments of great stress for the police. It would be better to find a short, unambiguous formula alerting the suspect to his right to remain silent, but warning him that his decision to do so might be used as evidence in court. Simplicity and uniformity of practice should be Mr Howard's objectives. Since this week's proposals were only consultative, he still has time to achieve them.

CAFE AU LOI

Americans are absurdly litigious but Britain is not far behind

An American court has awarded $2.9 million (£1.9 million) in damages to a woman who was burnt by a cup of hot coffee. The offending beverage came from a branch of McDonald's hamburger chain. Its victim, 81-year-old Stella Liebeck, tried to drink the coffee while travelling in a car. She wedged the styrofoam cup between her legs in order to remove its lid, whereupon the contents spilt over her lap.

Mrs Liebeck suffered third degree burns to her legs, groin and buttocks which required medical treatment costing $10,000. Mrs Liebeck's trust in her own co-ordination and reflexes seems to have been over-optimistic. Sensible people would avoid putting a cup of hot liquid close to delicate parts of their anatomy in a moving car.

Nevertheless, and remarkably, a jury in Albuquerque, New Mexico, decided that McDonald's was liable to pay Mrs Liebeck over $2,000,000. Only $200,000 of this award was compensation for injury. The rest constituted "punitive damages" against McDonald's for selling dangerously hot coffee. McDonald's coffee is, by the company's own admission, served hotter than most home-made coffee.

But it is not, presumably, so hot as to cause pain or injury when drunk in the normal way. And coffee is, in the usual run of things, expected to be hot. A juror is quoted as saying that the punitive damages are intended to "send a message" to McDonald's that "the coffee is too hot out there". McDonald's might well retort: too hot for what? For drinking — which is what it is intended for — or for pouring over laps, which it is not?

Was Mrs Liebeck not simply careless? The United States seems to be moving rapidly towards the view that no one is ever a victim purely of his own stupidity. Whatever the injury or mishap, it is always feasible to blame someone else. It is also increasingly profitable. The legal apparatus for fighting such cases is a growth industry in America. No doctor dares to practise medicine in the United States without expensive insurance cover for liability which helps to push up the costs of health care.

But Britain is not immune to this litigious fashion. This week, a window cleaner, Bill Nisbet was awarded £14,000 damages against a homeowner on whose snow-covered steps he slipped. Mr Nisbet was not coerced into proceeding with his window-cleaning in the snow. Nonetheless, Judge William Crawford decided that the property owner was culpable for subjecting him to risk. If British courts are swept along with this silly tide, not even a world of luke-warm coffee and disinfected doorsteps will be safe from the predations of lawyers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Europe's hand in African politics

From Mr Edward McMillan-Scott, MEP for North Yorkshire (European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative))

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Africa's fate is its own", August 17) is wrong to say that "we have no right and no duty to intervene any more in Africa". We should do so, but we should be consistent and principled about it and, so far as possible, work with partners in Europe and North America who share our traditions, values and risks.

Apart from the horrors of Burundi and Rwanda, which rightly involve us in humanitarian aid, we are major aid donors and we are experienced in democracy — a political process sought now by most of Africa's 40-odd nations.

Earlier this year you published a leading article ("Fire next door", January 29) suggesting that the EU should actively seek stability in North Africa, troubled by Islamic fundamentalism. For two years we have waited for a Mediterranean policy from Brussels, now promised for later this year.

I hope that this policy will include the commitment to democracy and human rights which we have insisted on in our EU treaties with the newly-free countries on our own continent. Moreover, elsewhere in Africa, I hope EU aid and development ministers actually apply the conditions of good governance, human rights and democracy which they set out in November 1991, as part of their "common foreign and security policy".

Sadly, some EU countries find these principles difficult to uphold.

Yours,
EDWARD McMILLAN-SCOTT,
European Parliament,
Rue Belliard, Brussels.
August 17.

From the Chairman of International Christian Relief

Sir, The issues addressed by Simon Jenkins are of enormous importance to the many charities working in Africa, such as our own.

On the one hand, no responsible humanitarian charity can stand back and ignore the appalling horrors that appear daily on our television screens and in our newspapers. We have to try to help, and our donors would not wish it otherwise.

On the other hand, it is a political problem that has caused these people, in their hundreds of thousands, to leave a prosperous and fertile land for hunger, hardship and often death, and only a political solution will be long-term in its effect.

There are even circumstances, as Mr Jenkins points out, where well-intentioned aid only prolongs the problem and defers its solution. By all means let us do what we can to relieve suffering and distress, but not act in a manner which merely puts sticking plaster on a still-festering wound.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BOWN
(Chairman), Interaid Ltd/
International Christian Relief,
16 St John's Hill,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

Oxfordshire's future

From Mr A. M. Maud

Sir, Oxfordshire councillor Mr Hugh Cundall complains (letter, August 15) that humble electors don't know the structure of local government or who their councillor is, and care even less. He may be right. But perhaps that is the fault of inaccessible councillors, cynicism over their motives in seeking election and low standards in local government management. Unsurprisingly, the district council leaders, whose letter you published with his, plead to create larger jobs for themselves and their senior managers.

The primary but undebated issues in local government are what services electors want, at what service standards, and what they are prepared to pay. Without that strategic framework current arguments about structure and the subsequent reorganisation add nothing but costs.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. MAUD,
Northcott House,
Hinton Waldrist, Oxfordshire.
August 15.

From Mr S. M. Dryden

Sir, The letter from the Leader of Oxford City Council and others illustrates why I, for one, do not wish to support the option for reorganisation of the county's local government which they promote.

The signatories style themselves "the leaders of the four district councils in Oxfordshire". The Oxfordshire in which I live and work has a fifth district council — West Oxfordshire — which supports the status quo. It seems very doubtful that voting to abolish West Oxfordshire District Council, as they effectively suggest, would "strengthen local democracy, making it more accountable and better able to respond to local needs".

Yours faithfully,
S. M. DRYDEN,
Hawthorns, Ham Lane,
Aston, Bampton, Oxfordshire.
August 15.

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Conformity and controversy in the churchyard

From the Assistant Bishop of Liverpool

Sir, Memorialisation in a churchyard is a privilege not a right, and rules and guidance are therefore necessary (letters, August 11, 15). *Pace* William Rees-Mogg ("A church of little tyrants", August 11) it is not the local vicar who decides what he will accept on a tombstone and what he will reject, nor is it *The Churchyards Handbook*, though that is an excellent and authoritative guide. The churchyard regulations in each diocese are prepared by the chancellor of the diocese.

The vicar's job is to know those regulations, and to disseminate them in the parish. It is up to him to see that stonemasons and parishioners alike keep to them.

Relatives who wish either different wording in the inscription or the use of different types of stone can apply to the chancellor for a faculty. The chancellor's decision carries legal force, but can be subject to appeal. If it is felt that the time has come for there to be national, as opposed to local, diocesan regulations, the place where debate can be joined is the General Synod.

The question of memorials in churchyards has to be treated with sensitivity. There is a long agenda to be addressed. Vicars can be weak, and leave troubles galore for their successors when they try to keep to the rules. Stonemasons can be confused by variations from one diocese to another. Chancellors can sometimes appear as remote lawyers.

Regulations when posted at lych gates or on church doors get torn down, especially in summer holidays. Parishioners can have unreal expectations. And the media can have a field day, especially in August.

But first we must clear away the inaccuracies and the innuendos.

Yours truly,
†JAMES ROXBURGH,
53 Preston Road,
Southport,
Merseyside
August 11.

From the Bishop of Hulme, Chairman, Council for the Care of Churches

Sir, I write not to comment further on the now notorious case of the churchyard inscription at Freckleton in Lancashire, but to defend the good name of this council's publication, *The Churchyards Handbook* — much quoted although, I suspect, little read.

Lord Rees-Mogg calls it "an Anglican pamphlet", characterising it as both "austere" and "supercilious" with "a disagreeable tone of sanctimoniousness". In fact *The Churchyards Handbook* is no more and no less than its title implies, a gathering together of ideas and advice on the whole care of churchyards, based on deep experience all over the country.

Both authors of the latest (third) edition of the book, a cleric and an art historian, have been involved with churches and churchyards for many years. Their concern was to help those responsible for these sensitive and precious places, in all their aspects, from security to the wellbeing of flora and fauna, to prudent measures for cutting grass and trimming trees. Advice concerning epitaphs and inscriptions comprises a mere six pages out of the handbook's total of 200.

This council has the proud but difficult task of interpreting the needs of the Church to a wider world. I hope that people who pick up *The Churchyards Handbook* to mock may find much to interest and even to instruct them.

Yours faithfully,
†COLIN HULME,
Chairman,
The Council for the Care of Churches,
1 Raynham Avenue,
Didsbury, Manchester 20.

From Mr Stewart Plant

Sir, On February 22, 1992, you published a letter from me deploring the local practice of inserting modern memorial plaques in a wall of our churchyard in Tickenham. The wall, which is 7 ft high and made of limestone, protects a beautiful Grade 1 church dedicated to St Quiricus and St Julietta.

Since I felt that this was aesthetically discordant and archaeologically devastating (the removed stones were just thrown away, to be replaced by, in some cases, "mirror finish" plaques), I submitted a private faculty petition to the chancellor of the Bath and Wells diocese, requesting an end to the practice.

Amongst many others, English Heritage and the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments in England supported my view; even the architects on the diocesan advisory committee concurred. However, as I have learned from a letter received earlier this year, the view of the hierarchy at Bath and Wells is still that the number of plaques (presently 33 odd) should be doubled, effectively destroying a wall of great interest. I now face the threat of a consistory court, of which I may have to bear the costs.

What encouragement is this for others who wish to preserve our national heritage and save it for future generations?

Yours sincerely,
STEWART PLANT,
The Court, Tickenham,
Clevedon, Avon.

From Professor the Reverend Canon J. R. Porter

Sir, Canon Rutherford, in his letter of August 15 quoting Jesus's reference to God as "abba", suggests that this word might well be translated "daddy". This claim is not infrequently made but there is really no evidence for it.

In Aramaic, "abba" simply means "my or our father" and the fact that it was used as a title for scholars suggests that the term was not unduly familiar. It may perhaps imply a degree of intimacy but, if so, it would be a respectful intimacy. In any case, the word has no relevance for what should appear on a tombstone today.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. PORTER,
The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1.

Assisted places

From Mr Keith Turner

Sir, Vivian Anthony, Secretary of the Headmasters' Conference (letter, August 13), confuses the issue. Even on his own calculations there is a massive discrepancy between the amount which the Government is prepared to spend on an assisted place in an independent school and a place for which it has ultimate responsibility in the neighbouring "state" school.

Until this inequity is removed, is it to the credit of the Headmasters' Conference to urge "that the Government would do well to expand this scheme"? Is it not possible to support the work of independent schools without entirely losing the vision of a nation at ease with itself?

Yours faithfully,
KEITH TURNER,
22 Coxwell Street,
Cirencester,
Gloucestershire.
August 13.

From Mr David Mair

Sir, Valid though the points made by Mr Hart (August 4) and Mr Anthony are regarding the finding of assisted places, the principal harm caused by this scheme is felt when state schools lose their leading pupils and the influence of these on others (academics, athletes, musicians) and when official lack of confidence in state schools affects the morale of their teachers, pupils and parents.

The most successful comprehensive schools in this month's examination results will be those with reasonable catchment areas, smaller classes, subjects taught in their ability groups, school and house games, speech days and school uniform — the qualities sought by parents of pupils on assisted places.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MAIR,
(Retired headmaster),
St Christopher's,
Croscombe, Wells, Somerset.
August 15.

Einstein's loves

From Dr Roger Highfield

Sir, As a co-author of the Einstein biography that accused him of being "a philandering blackguard" and also concluded that his early love letters, though cloying, showed he could be "a sweet-hearted romantic", I would like to point out that your report (August 13) is mistaken in saying they were first made public this month.

These letters, which Einstein and Mileva Marić exchanged between 1897 and 1903, were published in full by Princeton University Press in 1987.

You say that "the marriage was not a happy one. They were divorced in 1918 and he went on to marry his cousin Elsa". In fact, Albert and Mileva were divorced in 1919, the year that Einstein became a household name.

Our biography quotes the love letters that Einstein began in 1912 to write to his cousin in Berlin. He describes the "icy silence" at home as being "more loathsome than ever". He curses Mileva as his "cross" and "the sourest sourpot there has ever been". No wonder Mileva walked out on him in 1914, when Einstein moved to Berlin to take up a chair — and to be closer to Elsa.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER HIGHFIELD
(Science Editor),
The Daily Telegraph,
1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, E14.
August 16.

Bloomsbury sisters

From Professor James King

Sir, Michael Holroyd need not have been astonished at my suggestion of a possible lesbian relationship between Virginia Woolf and her elder sister Vanessa Bell when they were young adults (PHS, August 13).

Virginia's strong homoerotic feelings about Vanessa emerge clearly throughout her letters and diaries. Not so evident perhaps have been Vanessa's feelings on this matter; as an older woman, she certainly had a mixed — sometimes hostile — reaction to her sister's lesbian inclinations. However, Vanessa's early letters to her sister clearly show that, as a young woman, she held sexual sentiments usually attributed solely to Virginia. It is — as I have made clear in my book — a moot point as to whether such feelings found physical expression. Vanessa Bell's language suggests such a possibility.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES KING,
c/o David Higham Associates,
5 Lower John Street, W1.

Staff reductions

From Mr Harley Sherlock

Sir, You report (August 15) a complaint by Peter Roddam, of Roddam Research, that high spending by the Civil Service on new technology has failed to achieve a reduction in staff comparable with that in the banking industry.

I hope that Mr Roddam is not suggesting that Whitehall should emulate the worsening service provided by the banks and insurance companies.

Yours faithfully,
HARLEY SHERLOCK,
13 Alwyne Place, N1.
August 16.

From Dr S. J. Lockwood

Sir, Mr Roddam's analysis, that Civil Service numbers should fall inversely with increased spending on information technology, as has happened in the private sector, appears to overlook a key difference: the Civil Service employs more research scientists than any other body or organisation in Britain.

It is probable that scientists have embraced information technology more comprehensively than any other group. In doing so, they have increased their rate of data production, analysis and hence, scientific progress, i.e., what accountants like to call productivity.

Yours truly,
STEPHEN J. LOCKWOOD,
7 Pine Court,
Llanrwst Road, Colwyn Bay, Clwyd.
August 16.

Electricity costs

From Mr J. P. G. Weston

Sir, Mr Ian Powe, director of the Gas Consumers Council, argues (letter, August 13) that our response to Offer's electricity price review is "curious".

In fact having discussed the findings of the review with the director general, Professor Stephen Littlechild, we gave it a "qualified welcome". We expressed our disappointment that the proposals did not go further to redress the imbalance between the benefits already enjoyed by investors and the interests of ordinary consumers.

Over the next five years the price reductions proposed will amount to over £2½ billion — worth about £80 to the average household. In addition a number of services, particularly those for the elderly and disabled and for those living in rural areas, will be improved, and we recognised that the resulting additional costs will have to be taken into account.

As we said, price reductions and improved services are certainly "good news for the consumer", but we shall continue to press the electricity companies for more. Over the past two years electricity prices have fallen by about 7 per cent in real terms. They are now set to fall further.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. G. WESTON (Vice-Chairman,
Electricity Consumers' Committees
Chairmen's Group),
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August 13.

Wartime deaths

From Mr David Legg-Willis

Sir, Next year José Carreras will sing in Hiroshima to mourn the 120,000 people killed there by the first atomic bomb in 1945 (report, August 6). He is a tireless champion for leukaemia sufferers. There has been and must continue to be a tireless campaign to prevent nuclear bombs being used again in war.

But who and what will commemorate the vast number of wartime deaths previously achieved by the Japanese without the use of an atom bomb — and not even hinted at in the Peace Museum in Hiroshima?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LEGG-WILLIS,
13 Church Path,
Emsworth, Hampshire.
August 9.

Tea-time guest

From Mrs Jacqueline Worthington

Sir, When I was having tea in the garden a few days ago a ladybird suddenly landed on my plate, scuttled about a bit, found a large crumb of gingerbread and at once began to devour it voraciously. It ate two more crumbs, and then dashed straight over to a drop of tea that had fallen onto the plate from my cup and drank some of that, after which it flew away.

I have never encountered such sociability among these insects.

Yours faithfully,
JACQUELINE WORTHINGTON,
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Stansted, Essex.
August 15.

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ST JAMES'S PALACE

August 19: The Duchess of Kent this morning attended the funeral of Mrs David Napier, held at St Peter and St Paul, Shropham, Norfolk.

Weekend birthdays

Princess Margaret celebrates her 64th birthday tomorrow.

TODAY: Mr Basil Bard, former managing director, National Research Development Corporation, 80; Mr Gerald Bermingham, MP, 54; Sir Martin Berthoud, diplomat, 63; Mr Reginald Bevins, former MP, 86; Professor Sir John Boardman, archaeologist, 67; Mr Finlay Calder, rugby player, 37; Mr J.M. Clay, former vice-chairman, Hambros, 67; Professor Peter Day, director, Royal Institution, 56; Mr John Emburey, cricketer, 42; Mr Anatole Fistoulari, conductor, 87; Mr Roger Gale, MP, 51; Mrs Jane Garside, chief commissioner, Guides Association, 58; Mr Gus Macdonald, managing director, Scottish Television, 54; Dr Helen Muir, rheumatologist, 74; Mr Robin Oakley, political editor, BBC, 53; Mr Robert Plant, rock singer, 46; Sir John Plumb, former master, Christ's College, Cambridge, 83; Mr Brian Rees, former headmaster, Rugby School, 65; Baroness Robson of Kiddington, 75; Professor Anthony Seaton, Professor of Occupational Medicine, 56; Mr Robert Wareing, MP, 64.

TOMORROW: Mr John Austin-Walker, MP, 50; Dame Janet Baker, CH, opera singer, 61; Mr Christopher Brasher, Olympic gold medallist and former race director, London Marathon, 66; Miss Diana Churchill, actress, 81; Mr Donald Dewar, MP, 57; Sir Ronald Garrick, managing director and chief executive, The Weir Group, 54; Lord Goodman, CH, 81; Professor A.S. Goudie, geographer, 49; Sir Joshua Hassan, former Chief Minister of Gibraltar, 79; Mr David G. Heywood, chairman, Remploy, 57; Miss Anne Hobbs, tennis player, 35; the Hon Gerald Lascelles, 70; Dr T.P. McLean, former director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 64; Mr Barry Norman, broadcaster, 61; the Earl of Normanton, 49; Mr James Pawsey, MP, 61; Mr Kenny Rogers, country music singer, 53; Colonel J.I.M. Small, newspaper proprietor, 73; Mr Peter Thurnham, MP, 56; Mr Sam Toy, former chairman, Ford Motor Company, 71; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vickers, 66.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Benjamin Harrison, American President 1889-93, North Bend, Ohio, 1833.

DEATHS: William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, London, 1912; Federico Garcia Lorca, dramatist and poet, murdered, Granada, 1936; Leon Trotsky, Russian Revolution leader, assassinated, Mexico City, 1940; Jessie Matthews, singer and actress, London, 1981; George Adamson, conservationist, murdered, Kenya, 1989.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Aubrey Beardsley, illustrator, Brighton, 1872; Count Basie, jazz pianist, Red Bank, New Jersey, 1904.

DEATHS: Constant Lambert, composer, London, 1951; Sir Jacob Epstein, sculptor, London, 1959.



The Queen and Prince Edward watch as Hezekeil Sepeng carries the South African flag at the opening ceremony

Friendly Games reunite the family

CANADA captured the spirit of the Commonwealth Games as the fifteenth "friendly games" opened late on Thursday night.

Representatives from Vancouver Island's three indigenous peoples — standing together for the first time in their history — welcomed the Queen with a traditional greeting.

The Queen entered the Centennial Stadium in an open-top Buick built for her father, King George VI, when he toured Canada in 1939. She was given a rousing cheer by the audience in the packed stadium at the University of Victoria, British Columbia.

Despite a recent poll suggesting that Canadians are becoming increasingly republican, Victoria is as royalist as they come. A high proportion of its residents are Britons who emigrated to Canada after the Second World War.

For the first time, disabled athletes from the 64 participating nations — from the 279-strong Canadian contingent to the two-member teams from the Maldives and Vanuatu — are competing alongside able-bodied athletes.

During the games' opening ceremony, watched by 500 million television viewers worldwide, Myriam Bedard, Canada's double biathlon gold medallist from the Winter Olympics, brought in the Queen's baton on roller skis.

Canada's equivalent of the Red Arrows, the Snowbirds, made a dramatic fly-past while the Royal Canadian Mounted Police gave a riding display.

Gymnast Neil Thomas, wearing a waistcoat depicting St George and the Dragon, carried the English flag as the competitors filed into the stadium. Darren Morris, Kevin McCormack and Margaret Johnston led out the teams for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

There was a standing ovation for South Africa as they were welcomed back into the Commonwealth family after an absence of 36 years. But for the Hong Kong contingent there were mixed emotions as they walked in to the colourful throng for the last time before the colony reverts to Chinese rule in 1997, more than a year before the next Commonwealth Games open in Kuala Lumpur.

There was no division of nationalities in the stadium. Many groups of relatives sitting together were waving different national flags. One grandmother was proudly waving a Scottish flag, while her teenage granddaughter, who lives in Victoria, was just as proudly waving the Canadian Maple Leaf.

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Church services tomorrow

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC; 11 Euch, Rev Dr M. Palmer; 4 E.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: College Green: 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, Locus iste (Bruckner), Sumsion in F, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Canon J. Simpson; 3.30 Choral E, Justorum animae (Stanford), Responses (Davies), Stanford in C, Achieved is the glorious work (Haydn), Canon J. Simpson.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Hummel in B flat, Almighty God in whom we live (Shephard), Rev J. de Sausmarez; 3.15 E, Responses (Sanders), Howells in B minor, I will sing with the spirit (Rutter); 6.30 Compline, Rev P. Brett.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Mass in Dorian mode, Salve Regina (Howells), Canon R. Chapman; 3 E, A prayer for peace (David Lord), Responses (Howells), Coll Reg (Howells), Behold O God our defender (Howells).

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C, Vice Provost; 11.15 Euch, Ordinary (Merbecke), Rev J. Jones; 4 E, The Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Responses (Smith), Ireland in F, Canon A. Martin; 11.30 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Stanford in C, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton); 6.30 E, Canon M. Rees.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Coll Reg (Howells), My eyes for beauty pine (Howells), Rt Rev M. Manktelow; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Nystedt), Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), The Chancellor; 3.30 E, Wood in F, Blessed city heavenly Salem (Bairstow).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 C; 10.30 Euch & Baptism, Darke in E, Lord for thy tender (Hilton), Ego sum panis vivus (Byrd), Come Holy Ghost (Thorpe-Davie), Very Rev J. Petty; 5.30 E, Te lucis ante terminum (Tallis), Responses (Reading), short service (Ayleward), Crucifixus (Lotti).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Smith), Britten in C; Almighty & everlasting God (Gibbons), Canon D. Brown; 11.15 HC, The St Barnabuas Mass (Thurlow), Adoramus te (Monteverdi), Canon D. Hodgson; 3.30 E, Responses (Lloyd), Darke in F, Beati quorum via integra est (Stanford).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Jubilante (Howells), Sicut cervus (Palestrina), Canon Rone; 3.45 E, Proeces (Clucas), Howells in G, The fair Chivalry (Ashfield).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Little organ mass (Haydn), How dear are thy counsels (Crotch), Rev Canon Dr T. Park; 4 EP.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Missa O magnum mysterium (de Victoria), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), The Dean; 11.15 M, Responses (Rose), Stanford in B flat, Never weather beaten sail (Shephard), The Precentor; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Responses (Ayleward), Fourth evening service (Batten), Alleluia I heard a voice (Weelkes).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), Genitori Genitoque (Victoria), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), The Custos; 3.30 E, Responses (Rose), Dyson in D, Zadok the Priest (Handel) Services will be sung by Hertford College, Oxford.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Euch, The Missa Eliensis (Wills), Canon M. Wolfe; 3.30 Burma Star Association Service, Murrill in E, Canon H. Thomas; 4 HC.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC; 9 Parish Euch, The Dean; 11 S Euch, All saints setting (Rees), Verily verily I say unto you (Tallis), Rev Boon-Hor Khoo; 12.15 HC; 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Smith), Hylton Stewart in C, O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Gross); 6.30 E, Mr V. Steele.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Canon B. Duncan; 3.30 E.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 Euch, Darke in E, Like as the hart (Howells), Canon J. Stewart; 11.30 M, Canon P. Roberts; 3 E, Responses (Smith), Harwood in A flat, Lord and Father of mankind (Parry).

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Canon D. Atkinson; 3 E.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera, Sicut Cervus (Palestrina), Ven R. Acworth; 11.30 M, Britten in C, My soul there is a country (Parry); 3 E, Blair in B minor, Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardiner), Rev P. Lucas.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8HC; 10 M, Responses (Ayleward), Jubilate (Bertalot), Te Deum in G (Vaughan Williams), Never weather-beaten sail (Parry), Canon D. Gray; 11.15 Euch, Vaughan Williams in G minor, Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Tantum ergo (Duruflé), The Dean; 3 E, Smart in B flat, O praise the Lord (Tomkins), Rev N. Dixon; 6.30 ES, Rev J. Younger.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10.30 M with Hymns; 10 MP; 3.30 V & B with hymns.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Messe Solenelle (Langlais), Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré), Rt Rev Dr P. Lonning; 11.30 M, Hymn Holy (Harris), Stanford in C; 2.15 Normandy Veterans Assoc Service; 4 E, Ubi Caritas (Duruflé), St Pauls Service (Howells), Let all the world (Leighton), Canon J. Toy.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Sumsion in F, O Lord increase our faith (Loosemore), The Canon; 3.30 Choral E, Noble in B minor, Responses (Smith), Expectans expectavi (Wood).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 6 LM; 11.30 SM, Fr P. Turner.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Te Deum & Jubilate, The Short Service (Gibbons), Rev M. Saward; 11.30 HC, Darke in F, Thou knowest Lord the secrets of our hearts (Purcell); 3.15 E, Stanford in B flat, Lord let me know mine end (Greene), Rev Canon G. Murphy, Chorale no 2 in B minor (Franck).

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Ave Maria, Rachmaninov, Rev P. McGeary; 6 E&B, Noble in b minor, Round me falls the night (Day), Dr C. Rawll.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 C; 11, Rev S. Wookey; 6.30, Rev C. Hobbs.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa Sine Nomine (Heredia), In the departure of the Lord (Bull), Salve Regina (Byrd).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 11 M, Mr J. Watherstone; 12.15 HC; 6 E, Rev D. Bean.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30, Dr P. Green.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Ave Maria (Brahms), 12.30, 4.30, 7 M; 3.30 V & B, Adoramus te Christe (Aichinger).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Dr P. Webb.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev D. Banner.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev R. Englund (No 7pm service).

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M; 6.30 E.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate (Child), Missa Vidi speciosam (Victoria), Justorum animae (Stanford), Guild Chaplain R. Marshall; 6.30 Choral E, Weelkes service for trebles, Pater peccavi (Clemens), Guild Chaplain W. Boulton.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Euch, Darke in F, When David heard (Michael East), Rev B. McAvoy.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11; 6.30 Rev J. McIndoe.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Euch, Missa in honorem BMV de Loreto (Goller), Anima mea (Rivafrecha), August 1647 (Tomkins).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Viadana), A. Rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcell), The Rector.

ST MARK'S, Regent's Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch (Merbecke), Rev T. Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Missa super Crediti propter (Lassus), Ave virgo sanctissima (Guerrero), Rev Canon L. Caddick.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martins service (Stringer), Thy perfect love (Rutter), Agnus Dei (Requiem) Fauré, Toccata in B flat minor (Vierne), Rev J. Pridmore; 11.30 Visitors, Responses (Lane), Cantate Domino, The heralds of Christ (Ashfield), Basse de Trompette (Boyvin); 12.30 HC; 2.45 Chinese Service; 5 Choral E, Responses (Lane), Dyson in D, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux De Drigny); 6.20 ES, Healing Service, Ite Missa Est (Kodaly).

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9; 9.45 LM; 11 HM, Missa Puisque j'ai (Iassus), Fr B. Scott; 6 E&B; 7 LM.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Rev L. van der Pump; 6 Taize service.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass (Merbecke), Rt Rev E. Ademowo.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Missa o quam gloriosum est regnum (Victoria), The Lamb (John Tavener), Fr Younger.

ST STEPHEN: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Cellensis (Mariazellermesse) (Haydn), Ave Maria (Schubert), Canon C. Colven; 6 EP&B.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev S. Hobbs.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Cantate Domino (Monteverdi), Locus iste (Bruckner), Folk Song Suite (Vaughan Williams), Rev G. Claxton; 12 HC.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.J. Barrington-Hirst and Miss R.L. Lyons

The engagement is announced between Richard James, only son of Mrs Angela Barrington-Hirst and the late Mr Geoffrey Barrington-Hirst, of Mill House, Acaster Malbis, York, and Rebecca Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Lyons, of The Manor House, Linton, Wetherby.

Mr S. Basil-Jones and Miss C.S.D. Lamming

The engagement is announced between Stephen, twin son of the late Dr Owen Basil-Jones and of Mrs Clifton Love, of Sydney, Australia, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B.D. Lamming, of Angmering, West Sussex.

Mr P.D. Curry and Miss M. Salvador

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs J. Curry, of London, and Mila, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Salvador, of Vancouver, Canada.

Mr N.K. de Wet and Miss R.E. Carter

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Kynaston, youngest son of Mr J.S. de Wet, of Farnham, Surrey, and the late Mrs N.J. Scholfield, and Rachel Emily, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Carter, of Whitegate, Cheshire.

Mr S.J. Gilchrist and Miss E.H.L. Allen

The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of the late Mr Stanley Gilchrist and of Mrs Veronica Gilchrist, of Amberley, Gloucestershire, and Elizabeth (Libby), daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Allen, of Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire.

Mr H.J. Groggon and Miss M.L.M.L. Andrew

The engagement is announced between James, second son of Mr and Mrs W.R. Groggon, of Grampound, Cornwall, and Lorraine, eldest daughter of the late Mr H.R.A. Andrew and of Mrs A.J. Parsons, and stepdaughter of Mr A.J. Parsons, of Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Mr H.V. Knight and Miss K.S.L. Currie

The engagement is announced between Harvey, elder son of Mr Patrick Knight and the late Mrs Rosabelle Knight, of St Briavels, Gloucestershire, and Karen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Currie, of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Mr J.J. McNab and Miss J.A. Maher

The engagement is announced between Justin James, son of Mr D.F. McNab, of Anakie, Australia, and Mrs R.J. Austin, of East Melbourne, Australia, and Julie Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Maher, of Mentone, Australia.

Marriage

Mr A.H. Culpin and Miss K.E. McKeown

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 16, in Marietta, Georgia, USA, between Mr Alexander Culpin, son of the late Roger Culpin and of Mrs James McConnel, and stepson of Mr James McConnel, of Whitehouse, Newcastle, Monmouth, Gwent, and Miss Kelly McKeown, daughter of Mr and Mrs Boyd McKeown, of Marietta, Georgia.

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BIRTHS

BAYLIS

William and Louise Baylis are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Richard Timothy Campbell, on Friday 12th August 1994 at the Hammersmith Hospital.
A brother for Harry.

CHISHOLM - On 16th August 1994 in Norwich, to Bright (née Wilmers) and David, a son, William John, brother to Erica.

COLLINS - On August 7th, in La Herradura, Spain, to Lisa (née Rowe-Beddoe) and Liam, a son, Jesse Thomas Francis, a brother for Joshua.

COMFORT - On August 18th 1994, to Corinne (née Reed) and Nicholas, a son, Alexander Thomas Reed. Our thanks to the staff at the Whittington Hospital.

COMYN - On August 18th, to Annie (née Rushton) and Olly, a daughter, Harriet Frances, a cousin for Isabel (see Creaven).

COOKE - On 19th August 1994, to Linda (née Moss) and Stephen, a daughter, Sophie Louise.

GORTON - On August 14th 1994, to Joanna (née House) and Charles, a son, Hugh Charles Henrietta, a brother for Henrietta.

GREAVES - On August 13th, to Patty (née Conyn) and Mark, a daughter, Isabel Ann, a sister for Emma, Oliver and Madeleine, a cousin for Harriet (see Conyn).

HORNE - On August 8th, to Wendy (née Corrance) and Mark, a son, James Richard Mark, a brother for Charlotte.

HUGHES - On August 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Jocelyn and Derek, a wonderful daughter, a sister for Rory.

JOHNSON - On August 13th 1994, to Rosemary (née Lock) and Chris, a daughter, Verity Cara Alba, a sister for Simon.

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LESSER - On August 13th at the Wellington Hospital, to Isabelle (née Haugaard) and Charles, a beautiful daughter, Candia.

MENSUG - On August 11th, to Sara (née Winzer) and Hatlik, a beautiful daughter, Anya Grace.

SKAARBREVIK - On 18th August at the Royal Free Hampstead, to Talia (née Gluck) and Ken, a daughter, Maya.

WILMERS - See Chisholm.

DEATHS

ASCHER - Conrad died Friday August 19th, peacefully at University College Hospital, London. Enquiries to Phillips Funeral Directors, St Albans, (0727) 851006.

BOWMAN - On 16th August 1994, Sir John Paget Bowman, 4th Baronet, aged 90, Widower of Calehaus and of Frances, father of Rachel and the late David, grandfather of James and Juliet and dearly loved husband of Christian. Small funeral only. Information if wished from (07749) 673577. Donations, if desired, to St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, Taunton, TA1 5HA.

BROWN - On August 18th, peacefully, Eric Sydney, much loved husband of Marjorie, father of Barrie and Jackie, grandfather of Richard, Andrew, Sarah and Matthew, Sally and Katie. Private family service. no flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Disease Society c/o The Elms Funeral Directors, 80 Baker Street, Weston-Super-Mare, tel: (0934) 616006.

CLOWES - On August 18th 1994 peacefully in his sleep at The Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham, after a long illness, Robert Douglas Arnott Clowes, aged 91 years, much loved father of Angus and Charlie and brother of June. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to P.T.M.H. may be sent with any enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Service, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY, (0483) 67333.

DEATHS

COSHAM - Jan, on August 18th 1994, gracefully at Myton Hamlet Hospital after a long illness. Dearest wife of William (Bill) and beloved mother of Edward. Celebration of her life will take place at the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick, on Thursday 25th August at 2 pm followed by cremation. No flowers by request but donations to Warwick Ladies Liebeck Guild (R.N.L.I.) c/o W.G. Rathbone Funeral Directors, 6 High Street, Warwick.

COMPSTON - On 17th August, in her sleep after a long illness, Lady Angela Compston (née Brickwood), the much loved wife for 40 years of Vice Admiral Sir Peter Compston of 10 Berehurst, Borrowre Lane, Alton, a much loved stepmother of Miranda and aunt of Simon and Joanna. Funeral strictly private with no memorial service at her request. No flowers but donations to the Diabetic Association would be much appreciated.

d'ERLANGER - Edwina, died peacefully after a long illness, in Geneva, on 18th August 1994. Private funeral.

DIXON - John F., suddenly on August 19th, his 74th birthday. Beloved and loving husband of Pat, devoted father of Mark and Claire. Funeral Service at Gorleston Crematorium on Thursday August 25th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please but donations if wished to the Lowestoft Branch of The N.S.P.C.C. c/o R. Rivett Ltd., 15 Carlton Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

DOCKRELL - On 17th August, Harry Dockrell, peacefully, aged 81. Beloved husband of Molly.

ETTLINGER - Ellen, 18th August 1994 aged 92. Peacefully at home in Oxford. Much loved and generous mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend of many. Funeral Service on Tuesday 23rd August 1994 at 10.45 am in the Memorial Chapel, Oxford Crematorium. Donations if desired to the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Donations may be sent c/o Reeves and Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4TE.

DEATHS

FRIES - Major Douglas Ralph FHCI, Freeman of City of London. On 16th August 1994, aged 80, peacefully at home with his family, Loving husband of the late Millicent and father of Norman and Brian. Cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Wednesday 24th August at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead, NW3 2QG.

GIBBINGS - On Wednesday 17th August, aged 84 years, Jack McCormick, passed away suddenly at home in Oadby, Leicester. Loved husband of Cresta. Funeral Service at Gilroes Crematorium, Groby Road, Leicester, on Wednesday 24th August at 1.15 pm. Family flowers only please, donations to RNLI to A.J. Addinson & Son Funeral Directors, 12 London Road, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5DG, tel: (0533) 712540.

GOMPERTZ - Walter born Krefeld 1905, died peacefully at home 18th August. Much loved husband of Kathleen and father of Anne, Janet and Linda. Funeral Monday 22nd August 4 pm at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. No flowers please, donations if desired to Orbis International.

INGLIS-JONES - On August 18th, peacefully at home, Elisabeth, Welsh Authoress, dearly beloved sister, sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt, and dear friend of Daphne. Funeral Service to take place at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Crowthorne, Berkshire, at 3.30 pm on Wednesday August 24th. Family flowers only.

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LANCASTER - On August 19th 1994, Mrs Nancy Lancaster, died peacefully at home. Funeral to be held at St Peter's Church, Great Haseley, at 2.30 pm on Friday 26th August, relations and friends.

LEWIS - Michael Samuel, suddenly and unexpectedly on 6th August. He will be greatly missed. Funeral at 12.30 pm on Friday 26th August in the Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Great Missenden, Bucks. No flowers by request, but if desired, donations to the British Heart Foundation and Leukaemia Research Fund c/o Great Missenden Funeral Services, 106 High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks. HP16 0BE.

MALYON - Isabel Clara Florence (née King) of Great Shelford, Cambridge, died peacefully after a short illness on Thursday August 18th 1994, aged 82 years. Widow of Frank Taylor Malyon, mother of Ann and a dear grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service to be held at Great Shelford, Cambridge. All enquiries and donations if desired for The British Red Cross may be made to Townsends Funeral Service, 18 High Street, Great Shelford, Cambridge. tel: (0223) 843182.

MORRIS - Jonathan Martin. On August 9th, much loved son and brother. Cremation at Colders Green Crematorium on August 25th at 4 pm. Flowers to Kenyons tel: (071) 229-3810.

PEAT - On August 18th, peacefully at Aldington House, Blackheath, Funeral, Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium 24th August at 2 pm. Donations to Parkinsons Society.

DEATHS

ROUSSEL - On 12th August, peacefully at home after 11 months courageous fight with cancer. Marjorie, adored wife and best friend of Guy for 55 years. The funeral has taken place but if desired a donation would be appreciated by the Oncology Department of The Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

SCOTT-FOX - On August 18th Judy died peacefully at Hemsedon surrounded by family and love, after a long brave fight against cancer. Her gifts were immeasurable, dignity, courage and will will stay in the hearts and lives of all who knew her. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be arranged later. Donations to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, 15 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

TUGENDHAT - On August 18th, peacefully at Hull Royal Infirmary, Mire (née Littledale) aged 84, much loved by her children Christopher, Maria, Veronica and Michael and her 12 grandchildren. Requiem Mass at St Augustine Webster's Church, Burton-upon-Humber, on Wednesday August 24th at 10 am, followed by private cremation. Interment later at Wiedington. Enquiries to Watson & Sons Funeral Directors, tel: (0652) 660330 or the family.

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APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENDED HOURS ORDER
GLOUCKO PREMISES

To: The Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of Inner London, South Western Division,
and to whom it may concern.
TAKE NOTICE that we EVERTON DARRELS of 60 Tulse Hill, London SW2 2PB having for the last six months carried on the trade or calling of Businessman and MAXWELL BRYANT of 32 Lavender Gardens, London SW11 1DJ having during the last six months carried on the trade or calling of QE Licensed Restaurant and ABA MICHAEL COOKE of 42 New Church Road, Camberwell, London SE5 7JJ having during the last six months carried on the trade or calling of doctor, tailor and being persons to whom a provisional grant of a Justices Licence has been made and who are applying for that grant to be declared final in respect of premises situate at 33/37 Stockwell Avenue, London SW9 and to be known as "Funky Pigs" which are structurally adapted and fitted and intended to be used for the purposes of habitually providing for the accommodation of persons (residents) therein, meals or other entertainment as well as substantial refreshment, the sale and supply of intoxicating liquor being ancillary to the refreshment and entertainment and Section 68 of the Licensing Act 1964 (as amended) applies to the said premises named to apply at the Licensing Sessions to be held at South Western Magistrates' Court, 176a Lavender Hill, London SW11 1JU on the 6th September next at 10.30am for the Order that the specified hours as the said premises shall be extended for the purpose of Section 70 of the Licensing Act 1964 (as amended) as specified in the Schedule to this Notice.
Dated the 12th day of August 1994.
To the
Chief Inspector Peak Road
London SW11 2BJ
Authorised Agents for the Applicants
Schedule: this application relates to parts of the premises indicated on the plans which has been deposited with the Clerk to the Licensing Justices together with this notice.
Hour: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Time to which permitted hour is extended: 1am in the morning following.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN BANKRUPTCY
NO: 9780 of 1993
LAURENCE NICHOLAS
NOTICE is hereby given that a First and Final Dividend is intended to be declared in the matter. If you have not yet proved your debt, you must do so by sending written details to Peter Barker Whelan, Hill House, Hampton Hill, London N19 4UU by 12th September 1994, or you will be excluded from this dividend, which will be declared within four months from that date.
Dated the 17th day of August 1994.
J V VENVE, Trustee in Bankruptcy.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 004986 of 1994
IN THE MATTER of UNIGATE PLC and IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 25th day of July 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £72,800,000 to £70,641,751 by reducing capital paid up to the extent of the sums of the Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Justice Evans-Lombe at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Wednesday the 7th day of September 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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Nancy Lancaster, interior decorator, gardener and Anglo-American personality, died yesterday aged 96. She was born on September 10, 1897.



NANCY LANCASTER was a niece of Nancy Astor, with whom she had *much in* common. Both were extremely spirited, glamorous, funny and self-willed. Both were born and brought up in a Virginia still feeling the effect of the Civil War. Both married rich husbands and became increasingly reckless about money.

But there was at least one important difference. Whereas Nancy Astor's bent was for politics and do-gooding (though she also had excellent visual taste), Nancy Lancaster was above all an aesthete. In partnership with John Fowler, she contributed vitally to the development of domestic style after the Second World War. As a gardener she was equally successful, seeing gardens not as mere appendages of houses but as an integral part of them, to which as much attention should be given as to the interiors. Her own houses and their gardens were always the best advertisements for her talent and flair.

She was the second child and elder daughter of T. Moncure Perkins, whose family was long established in Virginia and who ran a meat-packing business in the state capital, Richmond. Her mother was the eldest in the large family of Chiswell Dabney Langhorne, another Virginian gentleman, who had made good in railways and bought a country estate, Mirador, near Charlottesville. The future Nancy Astor was one of Lizzie's younger sisters.

During her childhood in Richmond, Nancy Perkins gave early evidence of her character. Her Langhorne grandfather nicknamed her "Princess Perkins", and she was certainly no undue respecter of human, or even superhuman, powers. Taken one day for a walk to Capitol Square, she returned claiming to have seen a lion there. Her mother was angry with her for telling a lie and sent her to her room to ask for God's forgiveness. Soon she was back and, when asked if God had forgiven her, replied: "God said, sorry Miss Perkins, I thought it was a lion, too."

Her education was partly in Richmond and partly in Europe. When she was 13 her parents separated, and she then spent two years in Europe with her mother. In 1914 both her parents died, and Nancy went to live with another Langhorne aunt, Irene, who was married to the artist Dana Gibson. The Gibsons influenced her considerably and launched her in New York society where her striking looks and personality made her an instant success.

In 1918 she married Henry Field, grandson of Marshall Field and therefore a scion of one of America's richest families. Cole Porter was an usher at the wedding, which took place in the Gibsons' drawing room. Six months later Field was dead, the victim of a botched operation on an abscess, and Nancy was left a very young widow with a large income.

Soon afterwards she sailed for England on the *Mauretania*, with her sister Alice (later Mrs Reginald Winn and author of *Always a Virginian*). Another passenger was a cousin of Field, Ronald Tree, who fell in love with her during the voyage.

Tree's father was an Anglicised American who had had his son educated at Winchester, and whose wife, born Ethel Field, deserted him during the boy's childhood to marry the future Admiral Lord Beatty. Nancy and Tree were married in May 1920, at St James's, Piccadilly.

At first they returned to America, where Tree hoped to start a career in politics. They bought the old *Langhorne family home, Mirador*, and lived there happily for six years. But when Tree's Englishness proved an insuperable barrier to acceptance as an American politician, he decided to try his luck in England. To Nancy's chagrin, Mirador was then sold and they went to live in Northamptonshire, where Tree became joint master of the Pytchley and, in due course, Conservative MP for Harborough.

For some years they rented a fine house, Kelmarsh, designed by Gibbs, but when Tree's mother died and he came into a large sum of capital (having previously, like his wife, been rich only in income) they were able, in 1933, to acquire a place of their own. This was Ditchley Park in north Oxfordshire, another but more magnificent Gibbs house, surrounded by 3,000 acres. When they first saw it they had "the impression of a Sleeping Beauty waiting to be called back to life" (as Tree wrote long afterwards in his memoirs). They devoted themselves to the task, doing the house up in such a way as to enhance its splendour, collecting furniture and works of art to add to *its existing contents*, and creating a lovely garden where, before, there had been virtually none. The Ditchley that now thrives as a conference centre, and where, suitably, Anglo-American themes are often discussed, owes them an incalculable debt.

Tree was among the few Conservative MPs who strongly opposed the policy of appeasement, but Nancy neither shared his view nor argued against it. Politics bored her, and she did not relish the company of public figures, unlike Nancy Astor to whom she once said: "I want to come and stay with you, but not when you have any interesting people." During the Second World War, however, she had to put up with "interesting people" at Ditchley. At Churchill's request, the Trees entertained him, together with his staff and miscellaneous VIP guests, for 13 weekends between 1940 and 1942, Ditchley being thought safer than Chequers when the moon was full.

Jock Colville's diary describes the scene at dinner when Churchill was staying: "The dining-room is lit only *by candles, in a large chandelier and* on the walls. The table is not overdecorated: four gilt candle sticks with tall yellow tapers and a single gilt cup in the centre. The food is in keeping with the surroundings . . ." Churchill always sat on her right, and it was her prerogative to place the guests, *including senior politicians and the* chiefs of staff, or eminent foreigners such as General Sikorski or Harry Hopkins. After dinner there would normally be a private film show, a diversion to which Churchill was introduced at Ditchley.

The war stirred her public spirit. She organised a team of mobile canteens to go to the help of bombed cities, raising money in America to finance it. During one of Churchill's visits Coventry was devastated. She at once mobilised the team and rushed there to work through the night. When she got back to Ditchley the following morning Churchill questioned her at length about her experiences, and decided to go to Coventry himself that afternoon.

The Trees' marriage was in trouble long before it formally ended shortly after the war. For some years she had been involved with another Conservative MP, Colonel C. G. ("Juby") Lancaster, who was the owner of Kelmarsh and had continued to live near by while the Trees were his tenants in the house. He also visited Ditchley, before and during the war, though his presence was always offensive to Tree. After her divorce, Nancy was briefly married to Lancaster, and she carried his name for the rest of her life. But a relationship that had been all too lasting while it was irregular was doomed from the moment it was regularised.

As a parting act of generosity Tree bought for Nancy the interior-decorating firm that John Fowler had been running with Sybil Colefax (until she was forced by illness to retire). Fowler was already a well-known and accomplished figure, but under Nancy's influence his style was matured and to some extent, corrected. He was essentially a decorator, whereas she used to say: "I'm agin decoration; I'm just a percolator of *ideas." What she meant was that she* had a total vision of a house with its garden, and of particular rooms. Though she was, of course, also concerned with, and knowledgeable about, decorative detail, her strength lay in the scope of her imagination and the sureness of her taste.

Her background in the American South gave her a fondness for places that were not too sumptuous. Even in the grandest house she liked to combine beauty of colour and design with an air of casualness and informality. She also believed in comfort. In the 1930s she had been a pioneer in the civilising of bathrooms, treating them as much more than functional spaces — giving them fires, carpets, armchairs, books, and a variety of pictures and ornaments. This, and many other ideas of hers, *caught on.*

As characters she and Fowler were poles apart: Nancy Astor described them as "the unhappiest unmarried couple in England". Moreover, despite the expansion of work at home and abroad resulting, in large measure, from her contacts, their shared *lack of aptitude for business ensured* that, under them, the financial fortunes of Colefax & Fowler never remotely matched the firm's prestige. (After his death in 1977 she kept her stake in it, but eventually sold out a few years ago.)

In 1954 she bought Haseley Court, near Oxford, in a near-derelict state, and transformed it with her usual magic touch. When, in the 1970s, it was badly damaged by fire, she sold it and moved into the Coach House, keeping part of the garden. This was her last home and, though small-scale, as delightful in its way as the others.

Her approach to life was positive and full of zest, and she did nothing by halves. In her earlier days she was an enthusiastic rider to hounds, and when she took to shooting (with a sixteen-bore) — an activity which she pursued into old age — she became a crack shot. As a gardener she did not *just give orders, but worked very* hard herself, often until dark.

Her wit was acute, though seldom cruel, and her point of view was unconventional. During the Gulf War she surprised people by saying that Saddam Hussein was the best-looking man she had ever seen. She hated pomposity and was free from snobbery, enjoying the company of a hospital ward.

Towards the end of her life she was increasingly ill, and often despaired of, yet somehow her stamina kept her going, and she would reappear, dashingly dressed, with a jaunty straw hat, to show people round her garden in an electrically-powered chair as lively as herself.

In October 1993 she was seen so dressed, and so propelled, in the BBC2 programme *An Englishwoman's Garden*. She confessed to having "a lust for land" and could not disguise the sense of constriction at *having no more than 50 acres when* she moved to Haseley. Despite her great age (already 95 when the programme was made) her undiminished humour and force of personality came across.

Although she published nothing during her lifetime, she recently talked at length to an American, Robert Becker, who will be producing some of her reminiscences.

She had two sons by Ronald Tree. The younger, Jeremy, died in March 1993; the elder, Michael, survives her.

JOHN ARMSTRONG

John Armstrong, Fellow and Tutor in History at Hertford College, Oxford, 1937-76, died at Boars Hill, Oxfordshire, on August 9 aged 85. He was born in Dover on June 25, 1909.



JOHN ARMSTRONG was a scholar who combined great learning, particularly in the history of 15th-century Burgundy and France, with considerable wit and a strong *dash of eccentricity.*

He and F. M. H. Markham presided for 35 years over the history teaching at Hertford College, Oxford. Tall, slightly stooped and rubicund, formal in his dress including the boots he invariably wore, scrupulously courteous in manner, Armstrong was a tutor of the old school, now almost extinct.

Those who showed interest in his subjects were treated as if they knew far more than they actually did — a system which, while flattering and designed to encourage, could lead to occasional misunderstandings: he would appear politely baffled that a pupil turned out to have such little knowledge of some complex political intrigue at the court of Charles the Bold after the *matter had been gone into by* him at some length.

Reading lists would include works in Dutch and Flemish as if these were quite ordinary fare for an undergraduate. The editorial shortcomings of Bishop Stubbs (of the *Charters*, then a set book, mastery of which was for long regarded as a test of an apprentice medievalist's quality) were genially and devastatingly exposed. If pupils might wonder why the work was still being set, they had been shown how scholarship penetrates error and moves towards the truth.

His mind was sharp and capacious, almost carelessly original: K. B. McFarlane, a good judge of intellectual quality, held him in high respect and friendship. He treated all his pupils, even the contumaciously idle, with civility and charm, but it was not unknown for him to fall asleep in the middle of a tutorial. He once famously claimed that the essay had been so long that he and the pupil had both gone to sleep. This was not true of the pupil.

Uninterested in administration except to scorn it, he believed in pupils' self-administration; they were to find their own way assisted by occasional hints or suggestions. At appropriate hours, tutorials ended with drinks of terrifying strength which had no visible effect on him.

A brilliant conversationalist of anarchically conservative political views, he could talk as easily and wittily about botany (he was a curator of the Oxford Botanic Garden for many years) and fine books as about good restaurants in Dijon or Paris. On one occasion he remarked at High Table in Hertford that he thought it would have been a good thing if Germany had won the First World War. When asked by his shocked audience to expand on this view, he said: "But think how *much better our music would* have been." Strangely appropriate flinging of the arms would accompany his bursts of laughter.

As Dean of the College, stories accumulated about his whimsical methods: malefactors might be punished or given a drink. When an undergraduate damaged the sole tree in the front quad, of which he was particularly fond, he was so angry that he kicked the man in the shin with his boot, exclaiming: "I kick you, Sir." The phrase entered the language of those particular generations. Much earlier, when there was some discussion about the college's slowness in preparing for German air raids, he remarked that bombs falling on current undergraduates did not matter *all that much since a new* generation would be coming up next October.

On his retirement he was well described by the then Principal, Sir Geoffrey Warnock, as "colourful, courtly and unpredictable".

After living for many years in college as a bachelor, he married Elizabeth Tyler, a Fellow of Somerville, in 1953. Their marriage was a very happy one and she survives him.

JACK SHARKEY

Jack Sharkey, world heavyweight boxing champion, 1932-33, died in Boston on August 17 aged 91. He was born on October 26, 1902.

JACK SHARKEY was the oldest surviving world heavyweight champion, although not one of the most distinguished to have won the top pugilistic prize nor the most popular. He was active in the golden age of the fight game, winning the title from Max Schmeling — the first German to win the world heavyweight title — and losing it to Primo Carnera — the first Italian to do so.

Born in Binghampton, New York, of immigrant Lithuanian parents, Joseph Paul Zukaushaus changed his name to one more appealing to fans when he started out on his boxing career in 1924.

Sharkey had 55 contests, of which he won 38. He was not initially highly rated as a heavyweight, appearing not to have the punch to go with his size. But he was a good boxer and in time developed a good body punch which helped him to dispose of 13 of his opponents inside the distance.

Ten such victories earned him a fight in 1927 against Jack Dempsey, who was looking for a warm-up for his return world title fight with Gene Tunney. Dempsey proved too strong for the 25-year-old Sharkey, however, and knocked him out in the seventh round.

Sharkey won his first opportunity to challenge for the vacant title three years later with a dubious victory over Phil Scott of England at Miami Beach, Florida. Sharkey stopped Scott with a low right hand to the hip which dropped the Englishman to his knees. The referee, Lou Magnolia, pleaded with Scott to get up but the Englishman maintained he was unable to continue. There were those who considered Sharkey's blow illegal and looked upon the American as a dirty fighter.

Sharkey thus met Schmeling for the first time on June 12, 1930. The contest hotted up in the third round when Sharkey pushed the German on to the ropes with fierce lefts and rights. In the fourth round, Schmeling had to be pushed out by his corner and Sharkey pounced immediately. Towards the end of the round, in one of the exchanges, Schmeling was floored with a low blow. Joe Jacobs, Schmeling's manager, yelled at the referee claiming a foul.

Even as the bell sounded for *the fifth round*, Jacobs was still screaming. There was chaos in the ring and eventually the bout was awarded to Schmeling on a foul. The German thus became the first heavyweight to win the greatest prize in the sport sitting on the floor.

Sharkey was kept waiting for two years for the return. But when they met the American had to go all the way and at the end of 15 rounds was given the decision by a narrow margin. Although the fight was in New York, most of the 72,000 spectators disputed the verdict, and the sporting way in which the German accepted the result only added to his popularity at Sharkey's expense.

A year later Sharkey defended the title against Primo Carnera, whom he had outpointed easily on his way to the first title bout with Schmeling.

When given Carnera as a challenger, Sharkey complained: "I already whipped the big wop." A little over 40,000 turned up at Woodside, *Long Island, to see Sharkey* defend against the 6ft 5in 19-stone Italian in June 1933. They wanted to hear the sound "the man mountain" would make as he hit the floor. But it was Sharkey who was brought down in six rounds by a right upper-cut from Carnera.

Following that defeat, Sharkey faded fast, losing to King Levinsky, Tommy Loughran and, in his last bout, in 1936 to the great Joe Louis. Upon retirement, Sharkey opened a restaurant and became a referee in wrestling and boxing tournaments. During the Second World War, he toured North Africa to entertain the troops. He is survived by three children.



ON THIS DAY

August 20, 1945

London was not alone in giving thanks; throughout the country services were held — in the cities, in the villages.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

The British people, of all creeds and denominations, honoured yesterday as a national day of thanksgiving and prayer for victory. The great central act of worship, synthesis and consummation of countless religious services held throughout the kingdom was the service the King and Queen and their two daughters attended at St Paul's Cathedral. The Prime Minister and his Cabinet, Mr Churchill, and distinguished representatives of all the United Nations and the Dominions were present in a large congregation representing every side of the national life . . .

While the congregation were assembling, music was played by the band of the Welsh Guards, seated in the darkened, war-damaged *choir behind the temporary altar.*

The clangour of the bells had ceased, and to the music of Purcell's Trumpet Voluntary, played by the band, the King and Queen and their party passed to their seats in a procession headed by the Archbishop, in cope and mitre of cream and gold, the Dean and Chapter, and the Lord Mayor bearing the City sword upward. The King and Queen sat *together with their daughters to the right of* them. Near them were the King of the Hellenes, the Regent of Iraq, and the King and Queen of Yugoslavia. Among others of the Royal Family present were Princess Marie Louise, Princess Arthur of Connaught, Lord and Lady *Carisbrooke, and Lady Louis* Mountbatten.

Prayers were read by Minor Canon Donne and Minor Canon Price. There was a special thanksgiving "for the steadfast support of all the communities of the Commonwealth and Empire who have joined with us against the enemy; we remember with thanksgiving that with one purpose and will they stood together *to resist the tyrant and oppressor and*, with one heart and mind, fought that freedom and justice might not perish from the earth".

Dr Fisher, in his sermon, said we had *fought for the light against spiritual darkness* that we and those who came after us might walk in the light. But in doing so we had to enter the darkness ourselves, to turn every endeavour of mind and body to deadly and destructive ends. Physically, the atomic bomb was a new thing. Morally, it differed not in kind but only to a terrible degree from every other weapon of total war. The horror of its potency to destroy a million lives in a moment came, at the war's end, as a terrible and shocking reminder that war must be an unclean business, and that none could touch it even in a righteous cause, even to defend as we had had to defend, the sanctities of life, without defilement. For six years we had been involved in it. As we thanked God for deliverance from that hateful task, we prayed him to cleanse us from its defilements, to turn our hearts from the passions and cruelties of war and to restore to us again tenderness of conscience and care for all men as our fellows.

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NEWS

Cubans lose US asylum right

■ Alarmed by a swelling exodus of boat people from Cuba, President Clinton has reversed a 30-year policy of allowing automatic political asylum in the US for refugees from the Castro regime.

The abrupt shift came only hours after officials had said the surge of Cuban migrants was being handled in an "orderly" fashion and no policy change was contemplated ..... **Pages 1, 12**

Disappointed student hangs herself

■ A young woman hanged herself hours after discovering that her A-level results were not as good as she had hoped. Charlotte Thompson, 20, was found dead on Thursday evening in the living room of her cousin's Norfolk home..... **Pages 1, 12**

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A British holidaymaker has been shot and injured by muggers outside an hotel just four hours after arriving Florida ..... **Pages 7**

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A co-ordinated effort to stop the smuggling of plutonium from Russia was urged by Nato Foreign Ministers..... **Page 10**

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A visitor to France this month could be forgiven for believing that the country is run by a tough-talking president named Charles Pasqua..... **Page 11**

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Passers-by watch as Cubans parade their boats and improvised rafts through the streets of Cojimar yesterday before embarking on a perilous crossing to Florida. There was no police interference. **Pages 1, 12**

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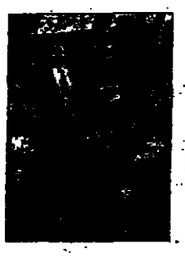
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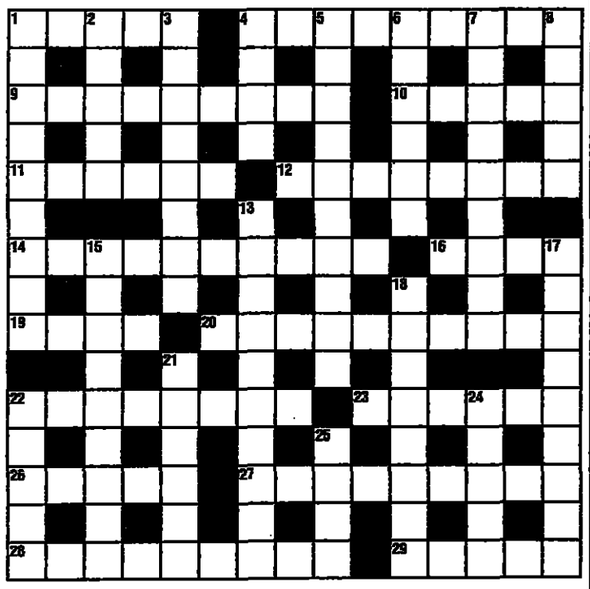
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ACROSS

1 They're trousers, darling (5).
4 Concerning a number of miners and a girl student (9).
9 Disfavoured university in posh new London area (9).
10 Drill for grub? (5).
11 Thin maiden with a powerful wave (6).
12 Point accepted by domineering press chief with a squint (4-4).
14 Pert fellow finds card belonging to a primate (10).
16 An empty space, but useless (4).
19 It's exceptionally good when soldiers meet (4).
20 Milliner in confinement once — a neat talker (10).
22 Firm's satisfied initially if creating a beautifier (8).
23 Hope to build this, say, on a tower? (6).
26 Contemplated a book by the present compiler (5).
27 Result of munching extremly damp pies, say (9).
28 Hebe, for example, enduring her fate? (9).
29 Given an appointment, though old-fashioned (5).

DOWN

1 Bandleader's strange entry in a bright key (4,5).
2 Constable the artist, producer of an oil (5).
3 Outstanding staff for the ideal chap (8).
4 Blue or white flower (4).
5 The doll Larkin's daughter carries about (10).
6 Full-blooded nonsense about public transport (6).
7 But it shouldn't cause a racehorse to be scratched (5-4).
8 Sensational law lord recognised outside state (5).
13 Way new friend becomes explorer (10).
15 You won't get a square deal from this eccentric folklorist (4-5).
17 Jazz index Dali revised (9).
18 County arranged date for supporting the retired (8).
21 Vessel for a literary captain turned priest (6).
22 Funny tailless bird crossing main road (5).
24 Small photograph of arthropod about to disappear (5).
25 Legal right of a drug addict (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,620

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LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: C G Wright, Berkshire; R A Harding, Cleveland; J Richards, Clapham, London; M Forde, Drumree, County Meath, Eire; P Richardson, London, W14.

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

TODAY

Sun rises: 5.54 am — Sun sets: 8.14 pm
Moon sets 5.01 am — Moon rises 7.23 pm

Full moon Tomorrow

London 8.14 pm to 5.54 am
Bristol 8.23 pm to 6.04 am
Edinburgh 8.38 pm to 5.53 am
Manchester 8.27 pm to 5.57 am
Penzance 8.32 pm to 6.18 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 5.55 am — Sun sets: 8.11 pm
Moon sets 7.48 pm — Moon rises 6.16 pm

Full Moon Today

London 8.12 pm to 5.56 am
Bristol 8.21 pm to 6.07 am
Edinburgh 8.36 pm to 5.57 am
Manchester 8.25 pm to 6.00 am
Penzance 8.30 pm to 6.21 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.34	7.0	12.56	7.1
Aberdeen	12.08	4.1	12.45	4.1
Avonmouth	6.20	12.6	6.42	13.2
Belfast	10.15	3.3	10.30	3.6
Cardiff	6.08	11.65	6.29	12.16
Devonport	4.51	5.1	5.07	5.4
Dover	10.26	6.5	10.56	6.5
Falmouth	4.21	4.9	4.37	5.2
Glasgow	-	-	12.21	4.5
Harwich	10.54	3.6	11.20	4.1
Holyhead	9.39	5.3	9.48	5.7
Hull	5.17	7.20	5.56	7.06
Ilfracombe	5.07	8.64	5.28	9.18
King's Lynn	5.23	6.4	6.07	6.4
Leith	1.31	5.4	2.10	5.4
Liverpool	10.26	9.0	10.40	9.5
Lowestoft	8.18	2.5	9.07	2.4
Margate	11.18	4.7	11.51	4.8
Milford Haven	5.20	6.5	5.39	6.9
Newquay	1.11	6.6	4.31	6.9
Oban	5.10	3.6	5.20	4.0
Penzance	3.51	5.2	4.06	5.5
Portland	6.01	1.9	6.18	2.2
Portsmouth	10.37	4.7	10.50	4.7
Sheerness	10.38	6.1	10.55	6.1
Southampton	10.04	4.3	10.22	4.4
Swansea	5.23	8.9	5.45	9.4
Tees	2.41	5.2	3.12	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	10.49	4.01	11.18	4.02

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Heathrow Airport, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: St Bee's Head, Cumbria, 24mm; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 12.3hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** A weak ridge of high pressure will build up over the south. England and Wales should start mainly dry and sunny, but a few light showers may drift into western parts and elsewhere some banks of cloud will build up.

Over western Scotland and Northern Ireland there will be quite a few showers, but eastern areas are expected to be sunnier and drier. The westerly wind will be lighter than recently, but it will still be fresh at times in the north.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands, E England, S Wales, Central N England:** Dry with sunny spells. Wind southwest light. The maximum temperature will be 21C (70F).

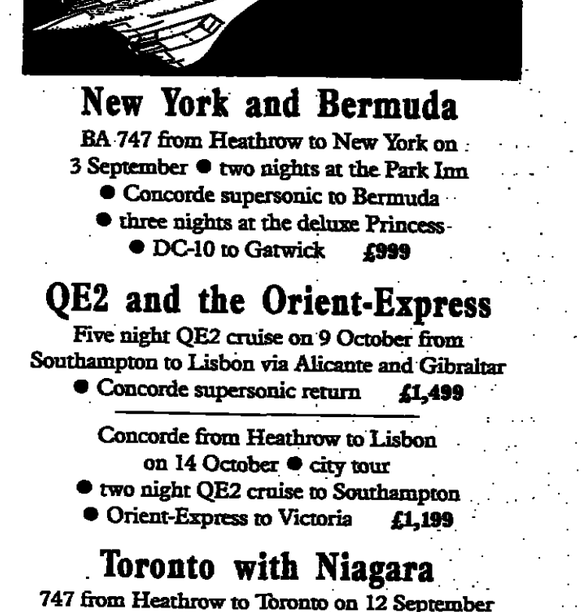
☐ **Channel Isles, SW England:** It will start off with sunny intervals but these will give way to cloud later. Wind southwest light. Maximun temperature 19C (66F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, N Ireland:** Sunny intervals with a few showers. Wind southwest moderate. Maximum temperature 17C (63F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Mainly dry. Some sunshine. Wind moderate southwesterly. Maximum temperature 18C (64F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** There will be occasional showers, some possibly heavy. Winds will be westerly moderate or fresh. Maximum temperature 16C (63F).

☐ **Outlook:** Mainly dry and bright on Sunday. Cloudier on Monday with some rain in the south and west.



ABROAD

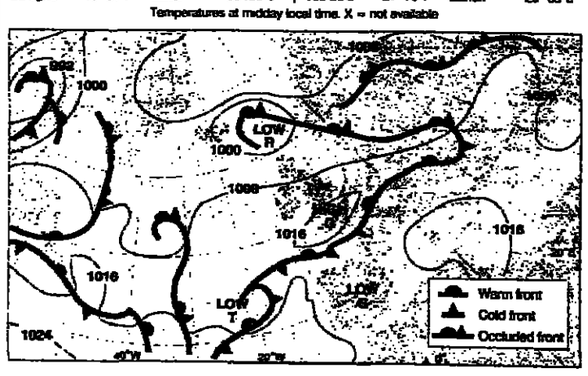
24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; h=hail; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.7	-	18	64	b	Liverpool	4.3	0.01	17	63	r
Anglesey	2.0	0.05	16	61	r	London	9.7	-	21	70	s
Aspatria	3.5	0.01	16	61	d	Lowestoft	10.0	0.02	21	70	s
Aviemore	5.5	0.01	17	63	sh	Manchester	6.7	-	17	63	b
Belfast	1.1	0.05	18	64	r	Margate	11.4	-	22	72	s
Birmingham	8.1	-	19	66	b	Minehead	5.8	-	20	68	b
Bognor R	11.5	-	21	70	s	Morecambe	5.1	0.12	16	61	r
Bournem'th	11.4	-	20	68	s	Newcastle	7.3	-	19	66	s
Bristol	5.1	-	20	68	b	Newquay	2.5	0.06	17	63	d
Buxton	5.2	-	17	63	s	Norwich	10.0	0.01	21	70	s
Cardiff	5.0	0.02	19	66	r	Nottingham	7.2	-	19	66	s
Clacton	8.7	0.03	22	72	s	Penzance	3.0	0.09	17	63	r
Cromer	8.8	-	20	68	s	Plymouth	5.1	0.21	18	64	r
Doncaster	6.7	0.02	21	70	b	Poole	8.7	-	22	72	s
Dunbar	5.8	-	19	66	s	Ross-o-wye	7.8	-	19	66	s
Eastbourne	11.3	-	19	66	s	Ryde	11.3	-	20	68	s
Edinburgh	4.7	-	18	64	c	Salcombe	4.9	0.12	18	64	s
Eskdalemuir	2.9	0.09	14	57	r	Sandown	11.5	-	20	68	s
Exmouth	8.1	0.02	20	68	s	Saunton Snd	4.1	-	17	63	c
Falmouth	X	0.08	17	63	r	Scarboro'	8.7	0.01	18	64	s
Fishguard	2.3	-	17	63	d	Scilly Isles	3.3	0.08	17	63	fg
Folkestone	12.3	-	21	70	s	Shanklin	10.9	-	19	66	s
Glasgow	2.9	-	16	61	c	Shrewsbury	3.7	-	21	70	s
Guernsey	6.7	-	19	66	s	Southport	5.5	-	18	64	s
Hastings	10.0	-	20	68	s	Southsea	10.4	-	20	68	s
Hayling I.	11.5	-	21	70	s	Stornoway	1.0	0.01	14	57	d
Hove	7.5	-	20	68	b	Swanage	8.7	-	19	66	s
Hunstanton	X	-	20	68	r	Teignmouth	7.2	0.03	20	68	b
Isle of Man	3.0	0.05	15	59	r	Tenby	0.7	0.02	17	63	d
Jersey	7.0	0.09	19	66	s	Tiree	2.5	0.07	15	59	r
Kinloss	3.0	-	17	63	b	Torquay	8.7	0.04	19	66	s
Leeds	5.5	-	19	66	s	Tynemouth	8.8	-	18	64	s
Lerwick	3.9	0.09	15	59	r	Ventnor	10.8	-	19	66	s
Leuchars	6.6	-	19	66	s	Weymouth	9.8	-	19	66	s
Littlehmptn	10.3	-	20	68	s	These are Thursday's figures					

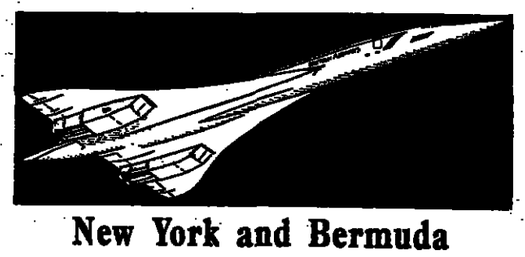
EUROPE

Ajaccio	28	82	s	C'phagn	15	59	r	Madrid	32	90	s	Riyadh	44	111	s
Alicante	28	84	s	Corfu	30	86	s	Majorca	28	84	s	Rome	30	86	s
Alex'dria	28	84	s	Dublin	16	61	r	Malaga	27	81	s	Salzburg	18	66	c
Algiers	33	91	s	Dubrovnik	28	82	s	Malta	30	86	s	S Fr'isco	19	66	s
Amst'dm	18	64	r	Faro	29	84	s	Melb'rne	12	54	r	Santiago	7	45	c
Athens	32	90	s	Florence	30	86	s	Mexico C	20	68	r	S Paulo	22	72	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Frankfurt	16	61	r	Miami	32	90	r	Seoul	32	90	s
Bangkok	31	88	r	Funchal	25	77	r	Milan	28	82	c	Sing'por	30	86	r
Barbados	30	86	r	Geneva	26	79	s	Montreal	22	72	r	Stckholm	17	63	r
Barcelona	29	84	s	Gibraltar	26	79	r	Moscow	16	61	r	Strasb'rg	16	61	r
Beirut	29	84	r	Helsinki	17	63	r	Munich	17	63	r	Sydney	15	59	c
Belgrade	24	75	s	Hong K	31	88	s	Nairobi	25	77	c	Tangier	30	86	s
Berlin	15	59	c	Innsbruck	20	68	r	Naples	32	90	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	r
Bermuda	32	90	s	Istanbul	28	82	r	N Delhi	33	91	r	Tenerife	21	70	s
Biarritz	23	73	s	Jeddah	38	100	s	N York	29	84	c	Tokyo	32	90	r
Borde'x	25	77	r	Jo'burg	21	70	s	Nice	29	84	s	Toronto	25	77	s
Brussels	17	63	r	Karachi	-	---		Oslo	16	64	r	Tunis	32	90	r
Budapst	21	70	r	L Palmas	25	77	s	Paris	21	70	c	Valencia	31	88	r
B Aires	12	54	r	Le Touqt	17	63	r	Peking	31	88	s	Venice	28	82	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Lisbon	27	81	s	Perth	18	64	s	Vienna	21	70	r
Cape Tn	-	---		Locarno	25	77	s	Prague	19	66	r	Warsaw	12	54	c
Chicago	24	75	r	L Angels	26	79	s	Reykjavik	13	55	s	Wash'ton	24	75	c
Ch'church	-	---		Luxembg	15	59	r	Rhodes	30	86	s	Zurich	20	68	c
Cologne	16	61	r	Luxor	38	100	s	Rio de J	21	70	r				

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



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RENÉ DE VILLE

The big push: David Simons, left, and finance director Martin Gatto have seen like-for-like sales increase for the first time in five years

Trade figures surprise City and suggest better trend

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S July trade deficit with countries outside the European Union turned out better than most in the City had been expecting, with barely any change, appearing to suggest that the trend is improving.

The visible gap was £418 million in July, against £392 million in June, according to figures issued yesterday by the Central Statistical Office. Excluding oil and erratics, to get a better guide to underlying performance, the trade deficit narrowed slightly to £422 million, from £451 million.

Richard Needham, the trade minister, said that these figures capped an excellent week for the Government, which had seen another fall in unemployment, and inflation dropping to its lowest level for 27 years.

In July itself, underlying export volumes actually fell by 2.5 per cent, while underlying import volumes rose by 2.5 per cent. However, this performance was clearly in contrast to the experience of the last three months, in which export volumes rose by 0.5 per cent, compared with the previous three months, and imports fell by 5 per cent.

Part of this improvement may be due to relative pricing. After a period in which it appeared that British exporters were raising their prices, rather than fighting for market share, this tendency now appears to have reversed. Export prices fell by 0.5 per cent between the first and second quarters. At the same time, importers put their prices up by 4 per cent, and this appears to have harmed their prospects, according to Simon Briscoe, chief UK economist with S. G. Warburg.

A strong divergence of opinion is beginning to form between those who believe that Britain's trade performance is genuinely improving and those who remain deeply sceptical about the accuracy of trade figures and believe that Britain's productive capacity is not adequate to meet rising domestic demand and stop imports flooding in.

Richard Jeffrey, chief economist with Charterhouse Tilney, said that he would not be surprised if Britain's 1994 current account deficit were half of the Government's November Budget forecast of £9.5 billion. Not only have monthly visible trade deficits been lower than most had expected, but Britain also started the year with a substantial first quarter surplus in invisible trade.

He said: "Three sets of absolutely key figures — trade, inflation and the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement — have so far been spectacularly better than anybody believed they would be."

Others remain pessimistic. The economics team at James Capel, for example, said that it is difficult to believe that import volumes genuinely fell by 5 per cent in the last three months, given Britain's rising domestic demand and a long history of that demand being met from abroad. "This is very difficult to square with recent developments in UK domestic demand, and we remain concerned about the quality of these data," they said.

Nevertheless, policy makers have no other choice but to base decisions on the statistics available to the Central Statistical Office. A review of trade data in the European Union, the major statistical bone of contention, is now complete and came up with relatively minor revisions to past data.

BNFL plan targets plutonium crime

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Nuclear Fuels wants to build a plant to convert plutonium from the former Soviet Union into atomic power station fuel.

John Guinness, BNFL chairman, says leading western nations may even be able to make a profit by spending "a few billion pounds" buying the material for BNFL and similar companies overseas to reprocess.

His plan, revealed alongside annual results, was accompanied by an appeal for a new government commitment to the atomic industry after this year's Nuclear Review. Such a commitment would run counter to the Government's goal of leaving energy policy to market forces. However, BNFL says a "substantial" restatement of support is needed to underpin its ambitions to increase reactor fuel exports and form joint ventures in expanding atomic power markets around the globe.

The company says that its Thorp plant, opened in January to reprocess spent reactor fuel, could win a further £3 billion of business in its second decade, provided government backing is forthcoming. Britain could become a leading player in the provision of nuclear services worldwide, a market worth $35 billion by 2010, the company says.

The plea for firmer government backing accompanied disappointing results for the year to end-March. Delays in opening the Thorp plant, resulting from legal challenges by environmentalists, cost £78 million. Although lower than previous forecasts, the shortfall left BNFL profits before tax at £81 million, only £5 million better than the previous year. Turnover, meantime, rose £84 million to £1.13 billion. The state-owned company, which exists outside the constraints of the public sector borrowing requirement, is to pay a £26 million dividend to the Government.

The opening of the Thorp plant, which will bring BNFL's overseas sales to about £450 million a year, has increased BNFL's prominence as an international provider of fuel services.

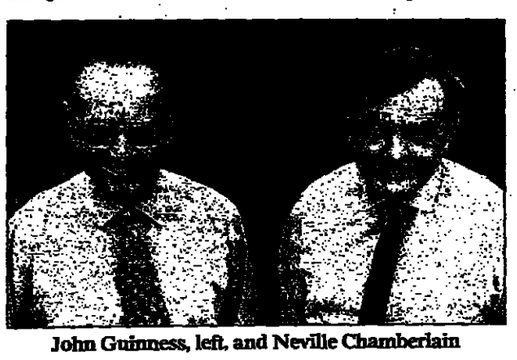
However, BNFL's eight old Magnox power stations continue to provide a significant contribution to profits. Mr Guinness said BNFL is to seek consent from the Health and Safety Executive to further extend the lives of the stations. Consent has already been extended to 40 years.

BNFL has started building a production-scale mixed oxide fuel (MOX) plant at Sellafield to mix plutonium with uranium for use in light water reactors. The plant, to be finished in four years' time, will reprocess 120 tonnes of surplus plutonium produced by the Thorp plant each year.

Mr Guinness said that a second, similar plant, could play a key role in a joint western effort to solve the problem of surplus Russian military plutonium being smuggled to terrorists and nations anxious to become nuclear powers.

Neville Chamberlain, BNFL chief executive, said: "The only sensible way of getting rid of the surplus plutonium is to burn it in nuclear reactors.

"Turning it into MOX fuel and using some of the money to improve the standards of security in Russia would make a real contribution to solving the problem."



John Guinness, left, and Neville Chamberlain

Somerfield calls halt to price-cutting

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SOMERFIELD Holdings, the food retailer widely considered to have started the supermarket price wars, yesterday said it would not initiate any aggressive price-cutting activity in future.

David Simons, chief executive of the group formerly known as Gateway, said: "We will not take the lead on price but we will certainly respond if any of our competitors cut prices. That is the clear signal we want to send out." Somerfield's Price Check campaign, launched last May, was the trigger for an unprecedented spate of price-cutting among the leading operators in the food retailing industry.

Somerfield made pro forma operating profits of £66 million for the year to 30 April on sales of £3.1 billion. Like-for-like sales rose 13 per cent, the first increase in five years. Mr Simons said like-for-like sales were currently running 5 per cent of last year, in spite of the passing of the first anniversary of the Price Check campaign.

However, the move has taken its toll on gross margins, which slipped by about 3 percentage points.

He said the conversion of Gateway stores to the Somerfield format would continue to drive sales growth.

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Pearl to cut jobs and offices in shake-up

BY ROBERT MILLER

PEARL Assurance, one of the UK's largest life companies, is to cut about 150 jobs and close 17 branch offices as part of a major reorganisation.

Pearl, which is owned by AMP, Australia's largest life office, has 2.5 million investors and policyholders and £15 billion of funds under management. A spokesman described persistent market rumours that AMP was trying to sell Pearl as "completely crazy".

The staff cuts and branch closures where outlined in a management memo to staff earlier this week. Pearl, which employs about 5,000 sales representatives and support staff, said that it plans to merge its home service division with the smaller financial advisers arm. By the middle of next year, the company will have cut the number of its nationwide branches from the present 147 to 130.

Members of Pearl's financial advisers division have been told that they must apply for, and be assessed for, new posts.

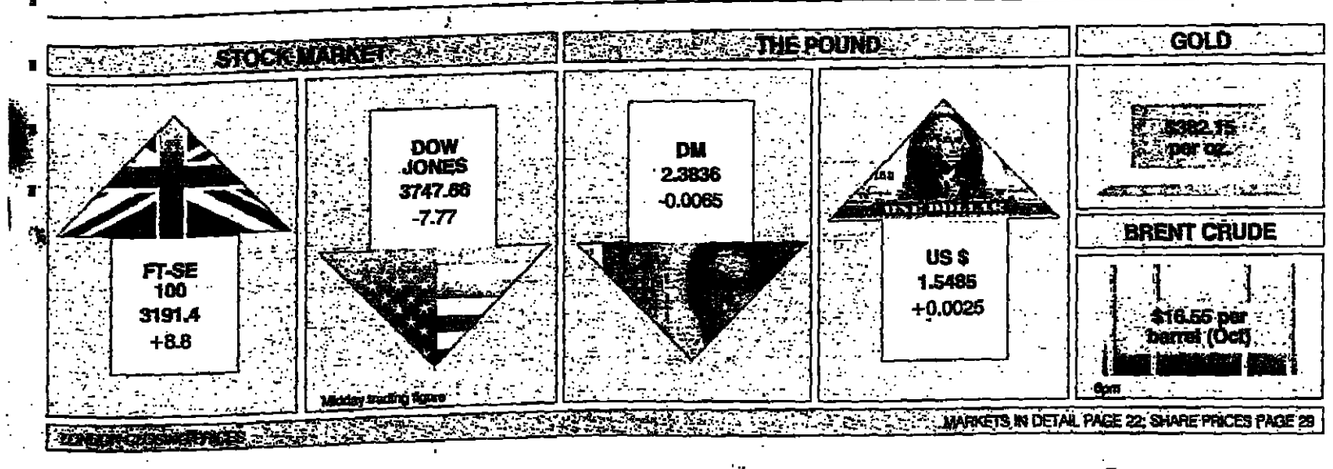
The staff memo said: "Please also note that every applicant will be assessed and interviewed and we will do our best to satisfy every suitable adviser.

"However, in the meantime, the surest way of securing your future is to raise your present performance by increasing activity to obtain first interviews to get sales every week. As transfers will be to an appropriate vacant debit [a book of existing customers], it could, in some instances, take several months."

A spokesman confirmed that redundancies would take place, but added: "These will largely be among the clerical staff at the closed branches and other administrative personnel. We will not need as many managers with the branch closures, but they will be offered alternative posts as sales representatives. We have no plans to make any of our sales staff redundant. This is not the first reorganisation we have been through. In fact, they have been taking place for years."

Pearl has recently been singled out for criticism, along with the Prudential and TSB, by GMB, the general workers' union, with 830,000 members. GMB said that it had written to Pearl and other insurers demanding a total of more than £1 million in compensation for members who, it claims, were wrongly advised to opt out of employers' pension schemes and into personal pensions.

The controversial issue of the misselling of personal pensions is to feature in a key debate on pensions at the forthcoming annual Trades Union Congress, to be held in Blackpool at the beginning of next month. Conference delegates are certain to highlight the concerns that have been expressed by many thousands of union members who believe that they have been wrongly advised to leave their company and occupational schemes for personal pensions.



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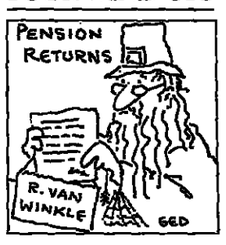


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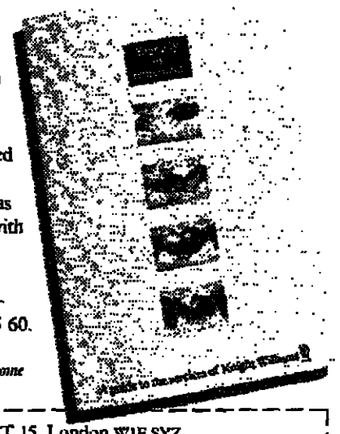
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Regulating utilities: the way forward



MELVYN MARCKUS

Permit me to return to the subject of regulation, or rather the question asked for so long that it has become a cliché, namely: who regulates the regulators? The answer, of course, is no-one: a quaint scenario under which director-generals of the likes of Oftel, Ofwat, Offer and Ofgas, hold sway over chunks of British industry which just happen to represent some 20 per cent of the UK's gross domestic product.

As I pointed out last week, Richard Caborn, the Labour MP for Sheffield Central who heads the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee — poised to examine the opening up of the domestic gas market to competition — has already called for a Royal Commission on utility regulation to be set up with powers to scrutinise the performance of regulators and the effectiveness of different regulatory regimes.

Caborn's message, last May, was: "The time has come to end the experiment in utility regulation, and to set out clearer guidelines on the duties, accountability and independence of the regulators." In Caborn's words: "Government by regulation has, in effect, become a substitute for policy-making, with crucial decisions left in the hands of unelected and unaccountable regulators."

Caborn's call for a Royal Commission came hard on the heels of the spat between the Environment Select Committee and Clare Spottiswoode, director-general of Ofgas, over the latter's refusal to implement a levy to finance the Government's Energy Savings Trust. According to Caborn, this saga (which culminated in a smear campaign against Ms Spottiswoode) serves to illustrate the need for an independent and open review on the relationship between the regulators, the regulated industry, Parliament and the minister concerned.

Key issues that Caborn wants a Royal Commission to focus on include:

- ☐ Lines of accountability;
- ☐ Lack of Parliamentary scrutiny;
- ☐ Feasibility of streamlining various agencies, particularly in the energy sector;
- ☐ Mechanisms for legal redress;
- ☐ The roles of the MMC and the OFT;
- ☐ The effectiveness of pricing formulae, charges and licensing regimes; and
- ☐ The role of consumer committees and the lack of consultative forums.

Speaking at an Oxera conference on energy policy, Caborn proclaimed: "What is always striking to me about the regulators and the regulatory regimes governing our utilities is the way in which they have developed a regulatory culture of their very own." Warming to his theme, Caborn referred to "an aloofness about Offer, Ofgas, Ofwat and Oftel" which is not encountered in Whitehall. He added: "It is the manner in which the regulatory regimes were established — as advocates of competition first and watchdogs second — which has given rise to this aloofness."

Caborn emphasised the need for greater scrutiny of the way in which regulators are appointed. He also let it be known that he intended to pressure the Prime Minister and the President of the Board of Trade into conceding the need for a review, preferably in the shape of a Royal Commission.

And that, alas, is all we have heard. Should Caborn succeed in clearing two such formidable hurdles as John Major and Michael Heseltine, the findings of a Royal Commission — directed to work under a relatively tight time constraint — would doubtless prove illuminating.

One recently published work which a Royal Commission might choose to peruse is entitled *Regulating Utilities: The Way Forward*. This publication, courtesy of the Institute of Economic Affairs, is edited and introduced by Professor Michael Beesley, Emeritus Professor of Economics at the London Business School. Professor Beesley's paper, entitled *Abuse of Monopoly Power*, puts forward the suggestion that an injured party who has suffered from an abuse of monopoly power should receive triple damages.

Professor Beesley is acknowledged as a sort of Godfather of regulators. The seeds of his illustrious academic career were sown at Birmingham University, where he lectured in commerce in the 1950s before moving to the LSE in 1961. Enter Professor Stephen Littlechild, director-general of Offer.

Littlechild studied commerce at Birmingham University under Professor Beesley before reading for a PhD at the University of Texas, Austin. He subsequently returned to Birmingham as a professor of commerce and head of industrial economics and business studies.

It was Professor Beesley who created the Small Business Unit at the LBS. And, by way of coincidence, Clare Spottiswoode, who is familiar with small businesses, is a former tutor at the LBS.

Regulating Utilities also contains a lecture entitled *Gas: What to do after the MMC Verdict*, by Professor Colin Robinson. His essential message is that British Gas should divest its pipeline system, in contrast to the MMC's recommendation (overturned by Heseltine) that it should divest its trading arm.

I quote: "The scheme Eileen Marshall and I suggested (before privatisation in 1985) was for a separate pipeline company and a number of regional gas distributors based initially on the existing regional boards."

Ms Marshall, Professor Robinson's wife, was a student at Surrey University (where Robinson was and is a professor) and subsequently at Birmingham University. She emerged as director of regulation and business affairs at Offer, and, shortly after Ms Spottiswoode arrived, joined Ofgas as chief economic adviser.

Incidentally, Professor Littlechild sat on the panel of the MMC's 1987-88 probe into competition in the UK contract gas market, which led to a wild tilting of the playing field against British Gas. Professor Beesley sat on the 1992-93 MMC panel which investigated the overall gas market and recommended the break-up of British Gas.

We may not know who regulates the regulators, but we do know who regulates.

Lufthansa on course to resume paying dividends

BY RODNEY HOBSON

LUFTHANSA, the German national airline, has returned to profitablity and expects to resume paying dividends this year. Its shares promptly gained DM2, to DM217, even before trading began officially on Frankfurt's stock exchange.

Lufthansa said that its parent company made a pre-tax profit for the first six months of the year of DM105 million (£76 million), against a DM221 million (£160 million) loss in the first half of 1993.

A spokesman said that the company's prediction that it would resume dividend payments on 1994 results covered both ordinary and preference shares. Lufthansa last paid a dividend on preference shares in 1990, at DM2.50, and on ordinary shares in 1989, at DM4. The spokesman said: "At the start of the year, we were talking of breaking even. In May, the prospect of reporting positive operating results emerged into the realm of possibility."

With results likely to remain good in the second half "the executive board is anticipating a clear operating plus for the full business year, providing us with distributable profits to resume dividend payments".

The airline attributed the turnround to controlling costs, with a rise of only 3 per cent over the corresponding period a year earlier. It noted that the first-half profit was Lufthansa's first positive result at the interim stage since 1989.

The airline had made a loss in the first quarter, but, as recovery gathered momentum, it managed a DM187 million profit in the usually strong second quarter, against DM24 million profit a year earlier.

For the half year, freight tonnage grew by 17.6 per cent, to 664,000 tons, and the number of passengers carried rose by 3 per cent, to 17.6 million, as the passenger load factor improved from 64.3 per cent to 66.0 per cent. Gross revenue from flight operations rose by 11 per cent.

The workforce was cut to 44,078, down 7.8 per cent from a year earlier.

Wilhelm Althen, Lufthansa's executive board member responsible for cargo, said that growth in tonnage was setting the stage for forming a separate cargo unit next year.

He said: "We have succeeded in substantially increasing sales in a difficult half-year and in temporarily halting a dramatic fall in cargo yields."

He added that cargo now represents 22 per cent of Lufthansa's total income.

Lufthansa's improvement has come at a difficult for airlines struggling to recover from effects of world recession. Although passenger levels have grown since the nadir of 1991, improvement has been at the cost of fare cutting.

Lufthansa, like British Airways, has been competing against national carriers such as Air France that have been helped by subsidies from their governments. Also, like BA, it has formed an alliance with a US airline, in Lufthansa's case, United Airlines, which has the benefit of protection from creditors under the American Chapter 11 procedure.

JOHN POTTER



Richard Phillips, chairman of Benson, the engineer, saw full-year pre-tax profit fall to £233,000, from £1.9 million, after £2 million provisions. A final 0.23p gives 0.33p (0.3p)

Cloud over Delta deal with Virgin

BY GEORGE SIVELL
ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

DELTA Air Lines said yesterday that it might have to postpone its marketing alliance with Virgin Atlantic Airways because of delays in approval by the American Transportation Department.

Under the code-sharing arrangement, Delta had intended, from November 1, to sell Virgin transatlantic tickets in America to Delta customers, who would then be able to fly into Heathrow, where Delta has no access at present.

British authorities and the American Justice Department have already approved the agreement, but the application filed with the Transportation Department in mid-April has been held up amid separate air transport talks between the US and Britain.

Virgin emphasised that only the code-sharing part of the marketing alliance was affected by the potential delay. Other joint marketing arrangements will go ahead.

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Cray chief gets 69% pay rise

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE chairman of Cray Electronics, one of four men who split a £27 million all-share bonus last summer, has seen his pay shoot ahead by 69 per cent to £237,000 in the last financial year, the company's accounts show.

Roger Holland was away on business yesterday, and a spokeswoman had no comment to make about his salary increase, which compares with a 53 per cent rise in operating profits from continuing operations last year.

Three directors earned more than £155,000 at Cray last year. Mr Holland took over at the start of the last financial year as chairman from Sir Peter Michael, whose pay the previous year was £127,000. Mr Holland earned £140,000 that same year.

The two men, along with Jon Richards, now chief executive, and Jeff Harrison, the finance director, enjoyed one of Britain's biggest-ever payouts for rescuing an ailing company. They benefited from the company's share subscription package, dating from their arrival in 1989.

All invested £750,000 in the company, which provides computer networks, to see each investment grow to £6.75 million. Sir Peter, who had previously been behind the growth of UEI, another electronics business, has since left the board.

DTI seeks to ban 'supergun' directors

THE Department of Trade and Industry has confirmed that it is requesting the disqualification of six former directors of Astra, the arms company that tipped off the security services about the existence of the Iraqi "supergun". The DTI said yesterday that it had written to the six, warning them that it is applying to the courts for them to be disqualified from holding directorships. If is successful, the ban will be imposed for a period lasting between two and 15 years.

The move comes after criticism of the Astra board in a DTI report last summer concerning the acquisition in 1989 of PRB, a Belgian defence company, which supplied propellants for the gun. DTI inspectors were also unhappy about circumstances surrounding a rights issue launched by Astra to finance the deal. The six facing disqualification are: Gerald James, Christopher Gumbley, John Anderson, Martin Guest, James Miller and Laurence Kingswood.

Queensland post

NEWS Limited, a subsidiary of The News Corporation, the media group that owns *The Times*, has appointed Lachlan Murdoch as general manager of Queensland Newspapers in Brisbane, Australia. The company publishes the *Courier Mail*, a morning daily newspaper, and the *Sunday Mail*. Mr Murdoch, 22, is the son of Rupert Murdoch, the chairman of News Corp. The appointment made by Ken Cowley, the chairman of News Limited, will take effect on August 22.

First Eurotunnel sales

EUROTUNNEL has announced the first contribution to turnover from the partial service begun on May 16. For the rest of that month and for June, the company saw FFr 19.375 million sales, Eurotunnel told the Paris bourse. The announcement was not made in London. A spokeswoman said the figures were regarded as "not significant." But there was thought to be a requirement under French stock exchange rules to announce second-quarter figures.

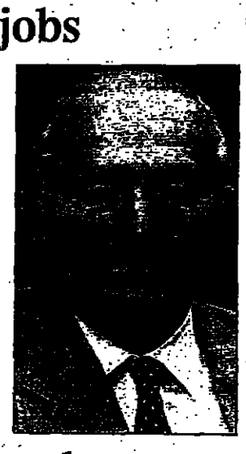
Saab steers to profit

SAAB Automobile, the Swedish carmaker, is on target to make a full-year profit for the first time in six years. It produced a pre-tax profit of SKr140 million (£11.7 million) in the first half of the year, compared with a loss of SKr684 million at the interim stage last year. Saab's car sales rose by 26 per cent in the first six months to 45,200 vehicles. The company had sales of SKr8.75 billion in the first half of 1994, compared with SKr7.75 billion a year earlier.

Repsol buys BP firm

BP has sold a French petrol station subsidiary to Repsol, the Spanish oil company, at an undisclosed price. The subsidiary operates 90 service stations in south-west France. Repsol said that the deal was part of its "strategy of increasing business outside Spain, with effort concentrated in the economic hinterland of the company's refineries". BP was owner via its 86 per cent owned BP France, which reported turnover down to Fr12.1 million, from Fr13.6 million, in the half year to June.

ICI to shed jobs



ICI, the chemicals group chaired by Ronnie Hampel, right, has given warning of job losses, caused mainly by the demise of the coal industry. ICI told unions that it plans to create a smaller and more effective explosives division. More than 750 people are employed at the division at Ardeer in Strathclyde. ICI said in a letter to unions: "The size of the business today can no longer support the current corporate structure." The division has been hit by an "ever decreasing" demand mainly because of the decline of the coal industry.

Forte sells hotel

FORTE, the hotels and restaurants group, has sold the Ghyll Manor Hotel in Rusper, West Sussex, to the Civil Service Motoring Association. The disposal is part of Forte's policy of rationalising its British hotels into a series of chains and selling those that do not fit. The sales are also helping to reduce heavy group borrowings. Meanwhile, Forte is still negotiating to buy the Meridien chain of international hotels from Air France.

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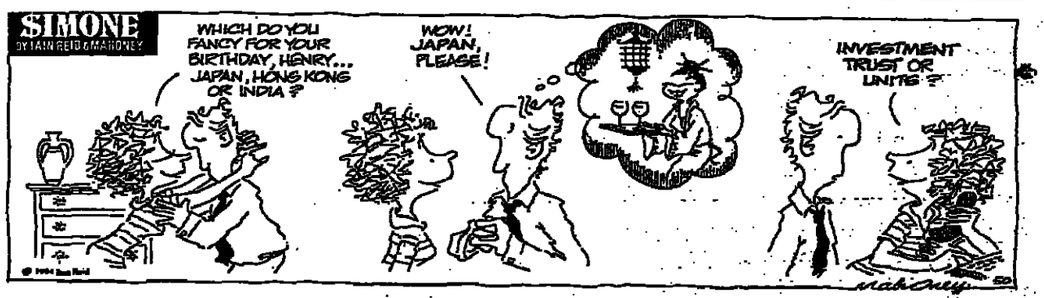
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PAUL COSTELLOE INTERNATIONAL: Paul Costelloe and Robert Eitel

Stars align to fashion a tailor-made team

partners in power

Sarah Bagnall meets two designers born on the same day on opposite sides of the Irish religious divide

PETER TREVNOR



Subjective met objective when Paul Costelloe, left, and Robert Eitel joined forces to create a fashion business that counts the Princess of Wales among its customers

Astrologers have got it wrong. The stars and planetary movements do not hold the key to mankind and their mental make-up. Or so it would seem after meeting Paul Costelloe, fashion designer, and Robert Eitel, managing director of Paul Costelloe International. Both were born on June 23, 1945, but that where the similarity ends. Costelloe is a southern Irish Catholic with seven children, while Eitel is a Protestant from Northern Ireland with three children. Costelloe is as punctual as British Rail, while Eitel runs everything to a strict timetable. Costelloe is impulsive, while Eitel is considered. And so it goes on.

Despite their manifold differences, they share the kind of bonhomie that revealed itself when *The Times* photographer urged them to huddle closer together as he clicked away. "We're getting into kissing range," says Eitel, to which Costelloe retorts jokingly: "I'm sorry to disappoint you but I'm just not interested." Eitel and Costelloe's relaxed banter is the product of 15 years of working together, building up the fashion house that bears Costelloe's name but which, perhaps surprisingly, was founded by Eitel. The company was born of a management buyout of Strelitz, a manufacturer of women's dresses based in Dungannon, Co Tyrone. Eitel, then aged 35 and Strelitz's managing director, bought the loss-making business for an undisclosed sum after a disagreement with the then owners, Courtaulds, the textiles group.

He set about transforming the business from a high volume manufacturer of middle-range dresses to a high quality producer at the top end of the market and he chose Costelloe as the vehicle.

It has worked. The Princess of Wales is a customer and Costelloe has broken into the corporate market by designing the new British Airways cabin crew uniforms for women. Such a departure from the Irish linen he normally works with is one he is willing to make because he says he is a commercial rat. He adds: "My principles have long gone. Seven children to educate quickly sobers you up." The company is profitable, with an annual turnover of about £15 million. Next month, it will open a flagship store in London and five franchises beyond the capital.

Costelloe recalls meeting Eitel on his return to Ireland after several years in America. He was looking for a company to back him as a designer and visited Strelitz. "I was very much a 70s man, semi-hippy, into free living, had a moustache and was very, very independent. I met Robert and thought he was a very serious and intense person who was very aware of where he saw his company going." That has proved to be the case, although Costelloe says Eitel has mellowed considerably. His reserved nature reflects his multicultural background, Costelloe believes. Eitel was brought up in Northern Ireland by a Swiss father and an American-born Scottish mother and was educated in Scotland. "I come from a Limerick father, as does Terry Wogan and Richard Harris, and a New York mother."

> We stand at the back of the church where all the sinners stand — all the community sees the Costelloes going to church

Costelloe was struck by Eitel's tenacity, exposed during the tough times the company has gone through since being bought out. He recalls occasions when Eitel had to cope with being squeezed by the banks and suppliers, while trying to get a collection delivered on time. "I don't think I could handle that pressure," says Costelloe with obvious admiration. "In the next world, Robert would come back as a juggler — he can keep things moving against all odds."

As a result, the company has avoided collapse, a feat that Costelloe says is formidable in an industry in which it is "not just a matter of whether you have folded but how many times". He adds: "Without Robert and his wonderful Scottish 'we will not surrender' point of view, I think we would have collapsed."

Eitel's pragmatism contrasts starkly with Costelloe's impulsiveness. "Robert is slower to make a decision than I am because he's analytical. I'm a very instinctive person. I'm totally ruled by my instincts. I'm an animal," says Costelloe, who tends to say yes to everything. "The Southern Irish people would prefer to say 'yes' than 'no'. That is our instinct, but whether we carry it out is another point and that is a dangerous thing. It's the whole Catholic thing of we must please our fellow beings and make life easy." Costelloe says that he was initially very aware of working in a totally Protestant environment at the company's Dungannon offices, but that quickly passed.

While he thinks Eitel is probably a better Christian, he insists his brood of seven children, aged between 13 and six months, go to church every Sunday. "That's because I think it's important to have a faith — of any description." However, he arrives for Mass late "because 15 minutes is enough for me". He adds: "We stand at the back of the church where all the sinners stand, receive the Holy Communion and all the community have seen the Costelloes going to church."

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Eitel agrees Costelloe is not punctual. That was confirmed when he arrived an hour and a quarter late for our meeting. Eitel apologised profusely on his behalf but there was a distinct impression that his placatory skills had been put to the test before. "I wouldn't say he's particularly punctual. Maybe Ireland operates on a different time scale in the south," he quips. Eitel says that he liked Costelloe immediately on meeting him and was struck by "his great ambitions and dreams of conquering the world", his style and easy manner. "He is very charming and he sold himself well. His style is not frilly, or frothy or diamante. It's understated."

When Costelloe came on board, initially as one of a number of designers, the company was not doing any significant amount of business. "Our lucky break came in 1981, when Bloomingdales said they were going to do an Irish promotion. To our great benefit, they didn't have a lot of choice, so we were lucky and got a very large order from them. In fact, it's the largest order we have ever had," recalls Eitel.

That was the springboard for the Paul Costelloe label and sales started to climb steadily. Both men are hard working and dedicated but Eitel is the lark to Costelloe's owl, so all decisions are made at lunchtime.

The financial side of the company is Eitel's domain, although he says: "Paul may not be good at reading a profit and loss statement or a balance sheet, but he's got a very good business nous and intuition."

Costelloe is refreshingly down-to-earth for a designer. No tantrums, no stalking the office in skirts, no designing of outlandish and unwearable clothes. Eitel says: "He understands his strengths and weaknesses and so doesn't try to be a creator of outrageous fashions because his strength is that he is a very good contemporary designer." Marriage and family have served to tone down any design fantasies. Eitel believes: "I think prior to being married he was much more laid back, much more of a *bon vivant* than perhaps he is now."

In similar vein to Costelloe, Eitel brushes aside the significance of different religious backgrounds. "I'm a Protestant from Ulster, which is different from saying an Ulster prod. Here, we have got myself, a Protestant from the north and Paul a Catholic from the south and we work very well together. There isn't the slightest friction over politics."

Where Costelloe is more subjective in outlook, Eitel is objective. "As a result, the two of us together bring to the business a combination of skills which, hopefully, makes it reasonably successful," says Eitel.

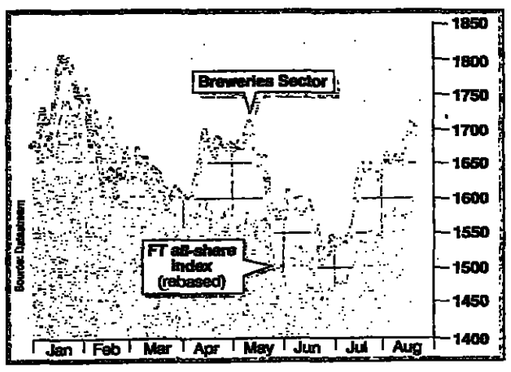
Bankers do their sums for Somerfield's sale

THE bankers holding the strings over Somerfield's head must have sat up straight in their chairs when Tesco launched its initial bid for William Low, and the final offer of £4.3 million for each William Low store doubtless sent them rushing for calculators.

Somerfield is unlikely to fetch so high a price in a sale or flotation. The former Gateway stores are achieving a return of 2 per cent on sales compared with Low's 5 per cent, and the creditors and shareholders of Isosceles, the parent, would be mad to sell in the first year of the launch of a new brand and store format.

David Simons, Somerfield's chief executive, is continually blamed for starting the supermarket price war a year ago but his strategy of cutting gross margin to arrest the fall in turnover has paid off. A life-threatening fall in market share has been turned around and Somerfield claims sales increases of 13 per cent and a 0.6 per cent boost to its share of the grocery market.

Logic, however, dictates that Somerfield will not be independent by the turn of the century. Some £10 million was cut from central overheads last year but the head office in Bristol is still costing the lion's share of total administration costs of £74 million to manage revenues of £3 billion. That compares with Tesco's charge of £178 million on turnover of almost £9 billion. Running foodstores is about economies of scale and Somerfield is too big to be a niche player and too small to achieve the operating margins of a Tesco or Sainsbury. With greenfield superstore development falling foul of planners, Somerfield's position on the high street is looking more attractive, a position that is no doubt factored into the calculations of the Isosceles bankers.



Brewers

A SWELTERING July in the South East and statements such as yesterday's from Fuller Smith Turner might raise hopes of some upward revision in estimates for beer volumes this year.

The expectation, before this summer, was that the brewers were again facing a 2 per cent drop in the industry's sales after a similar fall last year. This would be caused largely by the sort of demographic and economic trends that have cut consumption for some years now.

In the event, a 10 per cent jump in July consumption, the result of better weather, is probably enough to cut this year's volume decline to 1 per cent, if followed by normal weather for the rest of a year. A complicating factor was the World Cup, which boosted the lower margin take-home trade at the expense of pubs, but the contest was, on the whole, probably positive for the industry.

But even a halving of the probable decline in volumes has not been enough to persuade City analysts to redraw their estimates for this year. The regional brewers have been announcing sharp profit increases but these have often reflected volume increases from big pub acquisitions like that by Morland from Courage three years ago. Growth from this source will inevitably be slow, although the smaller companies may pick up some additions to their pub estates when the new breed of small operators that bought from the majors in the wake of the MMC report run out of steam.

Body Shop

IF Body Shop, which wears it green heart so visibly on its sleeve, is being shunned by a US ethical investment fund, it raises the question whether any company can pass the clean and caring criteria set by conscientious investors. Soap and cosmetics manufacturing has never been the most vital or ecologically friendly industry, but at least Body Shop is painfully aware of the state of the world and plays its part with its "Trade not Aid" campaign.

British ethical investment funds are more pragmatic than their American counterparts. One of the largest, Friends Provident's Stewardship unit trust, is allowed to invest in about 350 of the FT-All Share index's 800 constituents. However, its criteria rule out shares in all but 17 of the FT-SE 100 companies. Larger companies stand a greater chance of having a business that breaks the rules.

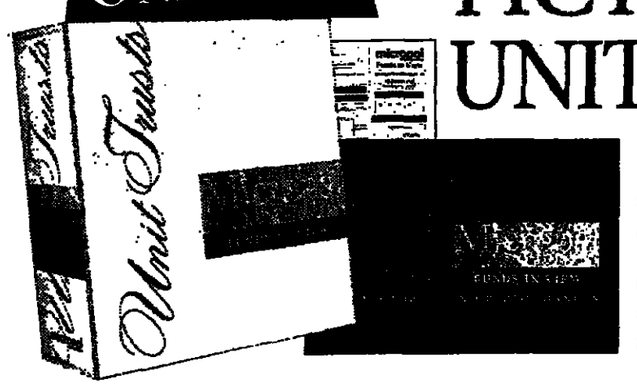
The Stewardship fund is banned from investing in the principal evils — armaments, tobacco, alcohol manufacturers — but has flexibility in deciding on fringe cases. J Sainsbury gets a green light, even though it sells some alcohol. The fund needs such compromise to offer investors anything resembling a decent investment return. In the ten years since it was founded, its capital return has outperformed the FT-All Share by 38 per cent. Any fund that became too dogmatic would only create a rod for its own back, and would probably suffer such poor returns that its principles would ultimately prove self-defeating.

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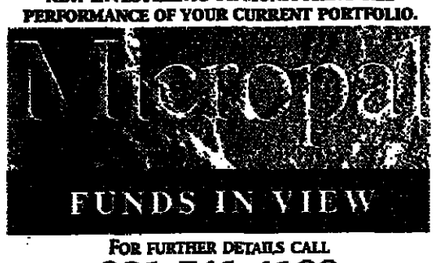
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Odds on bid for Plantsbrook narrow as SCI increases stake

THE odds on a bid for **Plantsbrook**, the funeral director, narrowed sharply last night after Service Corporation International paid way over the ruling market price for more shares in the company.

The Texas-based funeral director is known to have paid 162p a share for an extra 4.57 million shares in Plantsbrook, which compares with yesterday's opening price of 148p.

The purchase lifts SCI's total holding in the company to almost 7.5 per cent and comes just days after it won control of **Great Southern** in the face of fierce competition from Loewen, of Canada.

But if SCI wants to win control of Plantsbrook it will have to convince the French in

STOCK MARKET

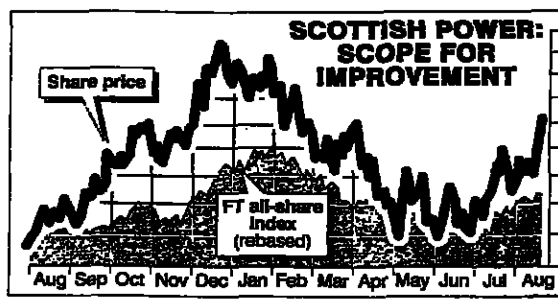
the shape of Pompes Funèbres Générales, with 31 per cent of the shares to sell.

The rest of the equity market made modest headway, and now looks poised to move above the 3,200 level next week. The FT-SE 100 index ended the session 8.8 points higher at 3,191.4, a rise on the week of 49.1.

This week's good news on inflation and unemployment, plus the Fed's positive action in raising US interest rates, appears to have eased some of the pressure for an imminent increase in domestic rates. Investors yesterday took the July trade figures in their stride and were relieved by the Bank of England's decision to drop the August gilt auction.

But trading conditions were thin, with just one put-through of a line of shares accounting for a large percentage the total of 853 million shares traded. **Dragon Oil**, which used to trade under the name of Oliver Resources, was steady at 1¾p as a line of 131 million shares went through the market at 1½p. By the close of business, total turnover in Dragon had reached 263 million.

Lloyds Chemist fell 8p to 304p as a line of 10.48 million shares, or almost 10 per cent of the company, went through the market in two tranches.



These included 9 million shares at 293p and a further 1.48 at the same level. Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, completed the business, and was believed to have been acting on behalf of Lazards Freres, the US investment house. **Body Shop** suffered a reaction to a sell recommendation from Franklin Research and Development, the US ethical investment manager, with a fall of 7p to 235p.

The electricity distributors showed more double-digit gains. They have been in favour most of this week, supported by a number of stockbroker recommendations from the likes of NatWest Securities and Credit Lyonnais Laing.

The Recs have enjoyed strong gains since the industry regulator revealed his pricing policy earlier this month, with most brokers taking the view they had been let off lightly.

Once again, there were strong gains for **East Midland**, 26p to 739p, **Eastern**, 27p to 807p, **London**, 16p to 704p, **Manweb**, 19p to 802p, **Midlands**, 17p to 772p, **Northern**, 22p to 781p, **Norweb**, 26p to 801p, **Seeboard**, 9p to 417p, **South Wales**, 30p to 785p, **South West**, 28p to 769p, **Southern**, 20p to 749p, and **Yorkshire**, 29p to 716p.

Power generators north of the border attracted revived support after a recommendation from Panmure Gordon, the broker, which points out that a review of the distribution of electricity supplies in Scotland is due out towards the end of next month.

There is no reason to suppose this review will be any harsher than that for the Recs in England. As a result, Panmure sees scope for improvement in the shares of **Scottish Power**, up 16p at 423p, and **Scottish Hydro Electric**, 14p better at 393p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Gilts drifted lower in thin trading, with investors reluctant to open fresh positions. The falls accelerated after lunch as the market waited for the Bank of England to announce details of the next auction. Its decision not to raise fresh funds in August was greeted with some relief and enabled prices to claw back their losses to end virtually all square on the day.

The September series of the Long Gilt ended a tick lower at 100⁹⁄₁₆, with a 33,000 contracts completed. In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was unchanged at £103¹³⁄₃₂ as was Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 at £103⁷⁄₁₆ in shorts.

☐ NEW YORK: Wall Street shares were slightly lower at midday, but above session lows. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 7.77 points to 3,747.66.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ ....1.5485 (+0.0025)
German mark ....2.3836 (-0.0065)
Exchange index ...... 78.5 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ....3191.4 (+8.8)
Dow Jones ....3747.66 (-7.77)*
Nikkei Avg ....20512.70 (-350.07)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank........ 5¹⁵⁄₃₂-5¹³⁄₃₂%
US Federal Funds........ 4⅝%*
3-month Treas Bills. .. 4.57-4.56%*
Long Bond 7.50%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5490*	£:$ 1.5503
$:DM . 1.5383*	£:DM 2.3797
$:SWfr. 1.2925*	£:SWfr 2.0003
$:Ffr . 5.2755*	£:Ffr 8.1830
$:Yen .. 98.48*	£:Yen 152.63
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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($)
AM 381.05 .... PM 381.80
Close 381.90-382.40
New York:
Comex 380.05-380.55*

OIL

Brent Crude ..... $16.55 per bbl (Oct)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI.. 144.0 Jul (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.03
Austria Sch	17.78	16.28
Belgium Fr	52.40	48.00
Canada $	2.240	2.080
Cyprus Cyp£	0.765	0.715
Denmark Kr	10.07	9.27
Finland Mkk	8.49	7.79
France Fr	8.65	7.95
Germany Dm	2.54	2.33
Greece Dr	377.00	352.00
Hong Kong $	12.67	11.67
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2535.00	2380.00
Japan Yen	167.50	150.50
Malta	0.611	0.558
Netherlds Gld	2.830	2.600
Norway Kr	11.09	10.29
Portugal Esc	256.00	237.50
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.45
Spain Pta	207.50	193.50
Sweden Kr	12.56	11.76
Switzerland Fr	2.15	1.97
Turkey Lira	REFER	48487.0
USA $	1.646	1.516

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Hot summer puts extra shine on Hozelock sales

By Susan Gilchrist

HOZELOCK, the maker of garden hoses, sprayers, sprinklers and pond equipment, came up smelling of roses yesterday as it revealed that the hot summer weather had boosted sales.

The company, which came to the market last November, said that the surge in demand during the past few months meant that pre-tax profits for the year to September 30 would now exceed market expectations.

Analysts upgraded their profit forecasts from £6.0 million to about £6.9 million. The company has also been helped by the fact that bans on the use of hosepipes have been rare this year.

David Codling, chief executive, said: "This is the first really hot summer since 1990 and people have been watering their gardens furiously. The British gardener seems to find it therapeutic."

Hozelock has 70 per cent of the garden watering sector, almost six times more than its nearest competitor.

Mr Codling said that margins had improved because of tight cost controls and improved productivity. There had been a small increase in prices, but the rise was still below inflation. He expects further productivity gains when production is transferred to the company's new Midlands manufacturing plant in the autumn.

The whole range of Hozelock's products, which include garden pond and water systems, lighting and outdoor driers, will be manufactured at the site.

With such a dominant share of the British market, Hozelock is turning its attention towards Europe for future expansion.

The company has a market share of two per cent in Europe, compared with an overall share of about 40 per cent in Britain.

Fittingly for a garden equipment company, Mr Codling said that Hozelock would concentrate primarily on organic expansion.



David Codling, chief executive, sees Hozelock concentrating on organic expansion

Jourdan is 'trading profitably'

By Rodney Hobson

THOMAS Jourdan, the consumer goods manufacturer that makes the Corby trouser press, say that it is trading profitably after closing its Woodstock furniture and Corby France distribution operations.

The group lost £4.2 million in the half year to June. Stripping out provisions of £3.7 million still leaves a loss of £520,000, against a pre-tax loss of £465,000 last time. The loss per share was cut to 0.89p, from 1.49p.

Keith Whitten, chairman, says the closures mask an "encouraging performance". The discontinued businesses lost £139,000 at operating level. Continuing businesses cut their operating losses to £40,000, from £146,000 last time.

Mr Whitten says: "With a much reduced cost base, the effect on profits of additional turnover to a group such as ours is dramatic. Volume gains in consumer product businesses are coming from new products and new markets, rather than from a general economic upturn."

First-half turnover rose by 7 per cent, to £9.2 million.

To reflect "significantly better" trading conditions, the interim dividend is held at 0.5p.

The shares eased 1p, to 31p.

WALL STREET

	Aug 19 midday	Aug 18 close
AMP Inc	72	72
AMR Corp	55	56
AT & T	53	52
Abbott Labs	30	30
Aetna Life	50	50
Ahmanson (HF)	21	21
Air Prod & Chem	47	48
Albertson's	28	27
Alcan Alumnm	24	24
Alco Standard	63	62
Allied Signal	34	35
Alum Co of Am	77	77
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	51	52
Amer Brands	34	34
Amer Cyanamid	95	96
Amer El Power	30	30
Amer Express	27	27
Amer Genl Corp	28	28
Amer Home Pr	59	58
Amer Intl	92	92
Amer Stores	24	23
Ameritech	41	41
Amoco	57	57
Anheuser-Busch	52	52
Apple Computer	34	34
Archer Daniels	24	24
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	47	48
Asarco	27	27
Ashland Oil	36	36
Atl Richfield	104	104
Auto Data Pro	53	53
Avery Dennison	33	33
Avon Products	59	59
Baker Hughes	18	18
Baltim Gas & El	22	22
Banc One	34	34
BankAmerica	47	47
Bank of NY	32	31
Bankers Tr NY	70	69
Barnett Banks	45	44
Bausch & Lomb	39	38
Baxter Intl	27	27
Becton Dicknsn	43	43
Bell Atlantic	55	55
BellSouth	60	61
Black & Decker	22	22
Block (H&R)	42	42
Boeing	44	45
Boise Cascade	26	26
Borden Inc	12	12
Bristol Myrs Sq	57	57
Browning Ferris	31	31
Brunswick	21	22
Burlington Nthn	48	48
CBS	310	311
CNA Financial	61	61
CPC Intl	53	53
CSX	73	74
Campbell Soup	39	39
Can Pacific	16	16
Cpd Cties ABC	79	79
Carolina Pwr	26	26
Caterpillar	108	108
Central & SW	21	21
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	35	35
Chemical Bk	38	38
Chevron Corp	42	42
Chrysler	47	47
Chubb Corp	73	73
Cigna Corp	64	65
Citicorp	43	43
Clorox	50	49
Coastal Corp	30	30
Coca Cola	46	45
Colgate-Palmolive	55	55
Columbia Gas	27	27
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Compaq Comp	37	37
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Conagra	32	32
Cons Edison	27	27
Cons Nat Gas	40	40
Cons Rail	53	53
Cooper Inds	38	37
Corning Inc	29	30
Crown Cork	35	35
Dana Corp	27	28
Dayton Hudson	84	85
Deere	65	66
Delta Air Lines	48	48
Deluxe Corp	29	29
Detroit Edison	26	26
Digital Equip	22	21
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Textron	53	53
Time Warner	37	37
Times-Mirror	32	32
Timken	36	37
Torchmark	40	40
Toys R Us	36	36
Transamerica	51	51
Travelers	34	34
Tribune	52	52
Tyco Labs	44	44
UST Inc	29	29
UAL	100	102
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	113	113
Union Camp	46	46
Union Carbide	31	31
Union Pacific	55	56
Unisys Corp	9	9
USAir Group	6	6
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	35	35
US West	40	40
United Tech	62	61
Unocal Corp	27	27
Upjohn	35	34
VF Corp	50	50
WMX Tech	29	29
Wal-Mart Stores	24	24
Warner-Lambert	79	79
Wells Fargo	159	158
Westinghouse El	12	12
Weyerhaeuser	40	40
Whirlpool	50	50
Whitman	17	17
Winn Dixie	50	50
Woolworth	15	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44	43
Xerox	106	106

RECENT ISSUES

Aromascan	97	-2
Ball Giff Shn Npn Wts	84	-1
Beacon Inv Tst (100)	102	...
Beacon Inv Tst Wts	46	...
Carnell (18)	29	+1
Chamberlain Phipps (165)	170	-1
Copyright Prmtns (120)	122	+3
Emrg Mkts Country	52	...
Emrg Mkts Country Wts	34	...
Freeport Leisure	68	...
INVESCO Japan Discovery	91	-1
-do- Japan Discovery Wts	47½	-1½
JF Fledge Japan Wts	67	-3
Magnum Power	38	...
Old Mutual SA (100)	93	-1
Old Mutual SA Wts	41½	-½
Orbis (23)	29	...
Panther Securities (90)	90	...
Panther Wts	17	...
Petroceltic	40	...
Pillar Property Inv (150)	158½	+½
Suter Wts 99/04	37	+1
T' Euro Gwth Ptg Sb (100)	104	...
Tops Estates Wts	30	-1
VideoLogic	40	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

BCE Hldgs n/p (8)	1¼	...
CRT n/p (85)	3	-1
Gibbs Mew n/p (340)	47	...
Hartstone n/p (15)	¾	...
P & P n/p (60)	12	...
Surrey Group n/p (1½)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Bass	575p (+9p)
ICI	832p (+12p)
Boosey & Hawkes	350p (+10p)
Bristol Scotts	150p (+10p)
Scot TV	429p (+8p)
Ulster TV	619p (+14p)
Bostrom	275p (+22p)
United Newspapers	543p (+8p)
Park Foods	134p (+10p)
Watson & Philip	368p (+12p)
Boots	547p (+8p)
Racal Elect	255p (+9p)
Hozelock	285p (+12p)
Plantsbrook	163p (+15p)
British Polythene	466p (+12p)

FALLS:

ADT	685p (-20p)
Sothebys	790p (-23p)
Inchcape	477p (-9p)
Micro Focus	870p (-15p)
Eng China Clay	383p (-8p)
Lloyds Chem	304p (-8p)
Domino	551p (-8p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,600	Caradon	1,200	Legal & Gn	115	Scot Power	8,500
Abbey Natl	1,900	Carlton Cms	553	Lloyds Bk	2,200	Sears	1,100
Alld-Lyons	1,000	Coats Vyla	381	MEPC	258	Svrn Trent	1,600
Argyll Gp	6,200	Cm Union	719	Marks Spr	1,400	Shell Trans	1,600
Arjo Wiggn	951	Courtaulds	295	NFC	1,100	Siebe	2,200
AB Foods	76	De La Rue	320	NatWst Bk	4,700	SmKl Bch	2,100
BAA	2,300	Eastern Elec	1,300	Nat Power	2,900	Smith Nph	1,600
BAT Inds	3,400	Enterpr Oil	324	Nth Wst W	1,600	Sthrn Elec	1,700
BOC	426	Forte	1,000	P & O	430	Std Chartd	1,500
BP	4,000	GKN	745	Pearson	563	Sun Allnce	1,500
BTR	4,000	GRE	991	PowerGen	1,800	TI Gp	3,500
BT	2,100	GUS	1,100	Prudential	1,600	TSB	1,700
Bk of Scot	2,300	Gen Acc	521	RMC	305	Tesco	10,000
Barclays	2,800	Gen Elec	3,900	RTZ	1,500	Thames W	2,600
Bass	703	Glaxo	3,000	Rank Org	1,000	Thrn EMI	1,900
Blue Circle	2,100	Granada	1,700	Reckitt Col	476	Tomkins	2,300
Boots	2,300	Grand Met	3,700	Redland	385	Unilever	1,700
Bowater	773	Guinness	8,400	Reed Intl	1,900	Utd Bisc	583
Brit Aero	970	HSBC	2,100	Rentokil	1,300	Vodafone	13,000
Brit Airwys	2,500	Hanson	4,100	Reuters	3,400	Warburg	1,200
Brit Gas	6,600	ICI	768	Rolls Royce	2,200	Wellcome	1,400
Brit Steel	6,000	Inchcape	1,700	Ryl Ins	2,400	Whitbread	245
Burmah Cast	44	Kingfisher	997	Ryl Bk Scot	733	Wlms Hld	963
Cable Wire	2,400	Ladbroke	938	Sainsbury	4,200	Wolseley	411
Cadbury	1,000	Land Secs	918	Scot & New	466	Zeneca	620

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3747.66 (-7.77)
S&P Composite .... 462.86 (-0.31)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20512.70 (-350.07)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9404.44 (-114.45)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 412.45 (-1.72)

Sydney: AO .... 2061.3 (-5.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2149.57 (-3.99)

FT 30 share: .... 2496.8 (+6.4)

Brussels:
General .... 7551.10 (-60.74)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2001.33 (-9.21)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 663.10 (-4.80)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1598.19 (+4.45)
FT Non Financials .... 1737.50 (+5.77)
FT Gold Mines .... 241.5 (-2.5)
FT Fixed Interest .... 108.89 (-0.48)
FT Govt Secs .... 91.19 (-0.05)
Bargains 29689
SEAQ Volume 853.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 158.30 (+0.73)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Dealings From	Dealings To	Final Declaration	For Settlement
August 8	August 19	November 10	November 24

Options were taken out on 19/8/94: Ald Colloids, Aran Energy, Armour Tst, Emess, Enterprise Comp, Etam, Medeva, Mount Burgess, Minmet, Ovoca Res, Tullow Oil.
Puts: Ald Colloids, Ovoca Res.
Puts & Calls: Medeva, UMECO.

FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 94	3187.0	3214.0	3183.0	3208.0	10415
Previous open interest: 63430	Dec 94	3201.5	3214.0	3201.5	3222.0	563
Three Month Sterling	Sep 94	94.17	94.29	94.17	94.26	11709
Previous open interest: 537031	Dec 94	93.30	93.42	93.27	93.38	25932
	Mar 95	92.62	92.72	92.60	92.71	6035
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 94	94.87	94.87	94.87	94.87	172
Previous open interest: 6758	Dec 94				94.20	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 94	95.02	95.06	95.02	95.05	10643
Previous open interest: 789697	Dec 94	94.81	94.87	94.81	94.84	16202
Long Gilt	Sep 94	100-13	100-29	100-06	100-18	32908
Previous open interest: 111287	Dec 94	100-03	100-11	100-00	100-06	1761
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 94	108.58	108.65	108.55	108.63	246
	Dec 94	107.60	107.70	107.55	107.66	1913
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 94	91.67	91.76	91.20	91.36	96678
Previous open interest: 169955	Dec 94	90.72	90.91	90.50	90.56	5066
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 94				96.73	0
Previous open interest: 76	Dec 94					0
Three month ECU	Sep 94	93.84	93.88	93.84	93.85	249
Previous open interest: 24584	Dec 94	93.45	93.47	93.42	93.42	247
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 94	95.60	95.65	95.58	95.59	1670
Previous open interest: 54877	Dec 94	95.34	95.37	95.30	95.32	1927
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 94	96.80	98.10	96.80	97.95	50927
Previous open interest: 94564	Dec 94	95.65	96.27	95.65	96.22	10355

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	589	35	—	—	14	—	—
(*604)	638	12	—	—	42	—	—
Argyll	280	21	27	35	10	17	22
(*288)	300	11	17	25	21	28	32
ASDA	60	6	8	10	3	5	7
(*62)	70	2	4	5	10	11	13
Boots	500	57	62	74	4	11	17
(*540)	550	22	33	45	22	31	38
Br Airways	390	29	38	49	11	19	25
(*404)	420	14	24	34	27	35	40
BP	390	32	40	47	8	15	18
(*409)	420	13	24	31	21	28	33
Br Steel	140	15	19	23	3	6	8
(*150)	160	5	9	13	13	16	18
C & W	460	28	41	51	17	27	33
(*466)	500	12	24	33	42	50	56
CU	500	51	64	69	6	12	19
(*539)	550	18	34	41	26	31	44
ICI	800	57	76	89	15	26	41
(*832)	850	27	48	61	37	50	66
Kingfishr	500	42	56	66	13	21	36
(*528)	550	15	30	42	39	46	51
Land Sec	650	30	39	51	14	25	28
(*657)	700	9	16	28	47	55	57
M & S	420	27	36	44	8	15	19
(*435)	460	8	16	25	30	37	40
Nat West	460	33	47	54	12	19	30
(*477)	500	14	26	34	33	39	53
Sainsbury	420	35	43	53	11	20	25
(*439)	460	14	24	33	31	40	49
Shell	700	33	47	55	16	24	34
(*720)	750	9	22	30	48	53	63
Smkl Bch	420	42	51	59	7	15	21
(*450)	460	17	28	36	25	33	39
Storehse	200	23	27	31	3	6	10
(*216)	220	10	15	19	12	15	19
Trafalgar	90	7	11	14	7	9	12
(*90)	100	4	6	9	13	16	18
Unilever	1100	57	76	92	19	30	46
(*1128)	1150	29	50	64	47	55	70
Zeneca	800	60	77	90	12	22	36
(*851)	850	27	48	61	33	44	60
BAA	500	26	35	45	14	18	23
(*510)	525	13	22	31	26	31	35
Thames W	500	49	55	64	7	15	20
(*536)	550	19	27	35	27	37	44
Glaxo	600	50	63	71	22	34	45
(*636)	650	21	38	47	51	62	70
HSBC	700	53	76	93	36	51	73
(*719)	750	31	55	71	64	78	102
Reuter	500	30	45	57	17	27	36
(*506)	512	23	—	—	24	—	—

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	420	38	44	52	11	21	25
(*441)	460	17	23	33	31	41	46
Ladbroke	160	22	27	31	7	9	12
(*173)	180	11	17	21	17	19	23
Utd Bisc	330	36	32	37	12	18	20
(*342)	360	11	18	23	30	34	43
BAT Ind	430	28	39	46	18	23	32
(*424)	460	11	22	27	43	47	57
BTR	360	26	33	38	12	15	23
(*376)	390	11	18	23	28	32	39
Br Aero	500	36	53	61	32	45	51
(*503)	550	17	31	40	63	75	80
Br Telcm	360	36	40	45	6	12	15
(*385)	390	17	23	28	17	26	29
Cadbury	460	26	38	43	17	22	29
(*470)	500	9	21	25	43	45	52
Guinness	460	33	44	50	13	18	26
(*478)	500	13	24	29	36	41	48
GEC	300	18	22	27	11	15	18
(*302)	330	6	10	14	31	34	36
Hanson	240	21	25	28	6	9	13
(*256)	260	10	15	18	15	20	23
LASMO	154	14	—	—	9	—	—
(*157)	180	6	8	13	28	29	31
Lucas	180	22	24	27	7	10	14
(*194)	200	10	14	17	18	22	25
Pilkingtn	180	23	25	30	3	7	10
(*198)	200	10	13	18	12	17	19
Prudential	300	25	31	36	9	14	22
(*316)	330	10	17	22	26	30	38
Redland	500	40	52	57	16	24	35
(*523)	550	16	29	33	46	52	64
Royal Ins	280	24	32	36	15	19	24
(*290)	300	14	22	27	27	29	35
Tesco	240	18	24	28	11	15	19
(*247)	260	9	15	19	22	26	30
Vodafone	200	16	21	25	8	13	15
(*205)	217	8	13	—	18	22	—
Williams	354	18	—	—	16	—	—
(*358)	384	7	—	—	36	—	—
R-Royce	200	14	19	22	13	17	21
(*200)	220	6	11	14	27	29	33
Eastrn Elc	750	87	102	115	16	28	34
(*811)	800	56	72	86	34	46	55

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	18	30	38	11	17	26
(*395)	420	6	16	23	30	34	47
Amstrad	30	4	5	7	1	3	3
(*33)	35	2	3	4	4	6	7
Barclays	550	26	46	56	11	21	30
(*564)	600	7	22	31	41	49	58
Blue Circ	300	12	22	31	13	18	25
(*303)	330	3	9	19	35	38	44
Br Gas	300	13	17	23	8	17	18
(*302)	330	3	7	10	29	36	40
Dixons	200	14	22	26	6	12	16
(*206)	220	5	13	16	18	23	28
Forte	240	12	18	24	7	14	18
(*243)	260	5	9	15	21	27	30
Hillsdwn	180	8	14	18	8	12	14
(*180)	200	2	6	10	23	26	27
Lonrho	130	8	14	16	6	9	13
(*131)	140	4	9	12	12	15	18
Sears	110	11	13	16	2	4	6
(*118)	120	4	7	11	5	9	11
Thrn Eml	1050	41	73	90	25	46	62
(*1061)	1100	19	50	66	54	71	87
Tomkins	220	21	25	31	3	7	11
(*236)	240	7	16	20	11	16	19
TSB	200	18	24	28	3	7	11
(*213)	220	6	13	17	12	16	22
Wellcome	700	32	55	74	27	44	54
(*701)	750	12	32	52	59	73	81
Fisons	140	12	15	18	3	8	11
(*147)	160	3	6	9	16	21	23
Natl Pwr	500	20	34	47	16	29	32
(*502)	550	4	15	25	50	60	62
Scot Pwr	420	20	34	39	14	21	27
(*423)	460	6	19	22	41	46	51

FT-SE INDEX (*3191)

	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300
Calls						
Aug	125	87	37	1	—	—
Sep	171	130	93	61	38	19
Oct	188	152	119	91	68	48
Nov	212	176	144	116	91	70
Dec	—	186	—	135	—	—
Puts						
Aug	½	—	½	14	—	—
Sep	13	21	35	53	82	115
Oct	34	48	65	86	113	144
Nov	50	63	81	103	128	158
Dec	—	78	—	119	—	173

August 19, 1994 Tot: 33831 Call: 20712 Put: 13119 FT-SE Call: 9374 Put: 6780
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: London coffee basis November ended $22 down against Thursday's close following further technically linked losses in New York. The weekend weather in Brazil is expected to be mild, with some possibility of rain, which could help the crop following worries of dryness after the recent frost damage. Markets on both sides of the Atlantic were looking for direction in the absence of major fundamental news.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	1041-1040	Dec	1135-1132
Dec	1074-1073	Mar	1146-1140
Mar	1096-1095	May	1157-1150
May	1104-1103	Jul	1175-1160
Jul	1112-1110		
Sep	1122-1121	Volume:	3806

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	3370-3360	May	3200-3195
Nov	3315-3310	Jul	3185-3175
Jan	3270-3260	Sep	3180-3160
Mar	3220-3215	Volume:	1953

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		May	unq
Spot: 308.30		Jul	—
Oct	12.30-12.50	Oct	—
Jan	unq	Jan	—
Mar	—	Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	319.9-18.8
Spot: 346.00		Aug	321.4-18.5
Oct	322.0-21.6	Oct	307.8-04.0
Dec	318.9-18.5	Dec	307.8-01.5
Mar	319.4-19.0	Volume:	1846

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 18

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	80.29	90.47	121.87
(+/-)	+4.32	-2.02	-2.20
Eng/Wales:	80.24	90.86	121.08
(+/-)	-4.28	-2.39	-2.59
(%)	-5.0	-3.0	-19.0
Scotland:	87.40	88.52	125.14
(+/-)	+10.92	-0.47	-0.78
(%)	-11.0	+16.0	-33.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

Open	Close	Open	Close
—	—	—	—

Volume —

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	104.85
Nov	105.45
Jan	107.45
Mar	109.20
May	111.15
Volume:	134

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	103.90
Nov	104.95
Jan	106.25
Mar	108.00
May	109.35
Volume:	47

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Sep	unq
Nov	—
Jan	—
Mar	—
May	—
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	214.0	215.8
May	unq	220.0
Volume:		292

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 73.25-73.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Oil prices managed to recoup some of Thursday's late sell off but still ended the week looking fragile.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.05	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.35	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.55	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.85	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	17.85	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	205 (-2)	208 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	150 (-1)	151 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Sep	151 (n/c)	152 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Oct	152 (-2)	154 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	80 (-2)	82 (-1)
Naphtha	159 (-3)	161 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Sep	150.25-50.50	Dec	158.50-58.75
Oct	154.00-54.25	Jan	160.25-60.50
Nov	156.50-56.75	Feb	160.50-60.75
		Vol:	11642

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	16.57-16.60	Jan	16.62 SLR
Nov	16.61 BID	Feb	16.54-16.58
Dec	16.62 BID	Vol:	19816

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	unq	Dec	—
Oct	—	Jan	—
Nov	—	Vol:	0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 94	1500	1490	1490
Sep 94	1420	1415	1415
Oct 94	1429	1419	1429
Jan 95			1443

Vol: 149 lots. Open int'st: 2624 Index 1510 +1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2397.0-2397.5	2412.0-2412.5	1450425
Lead ($/tonne)	564.00-565.00	582.50-583.50	129350
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	941.50-942.00	964.50-965.00	285375
Tin ($/tonne)	5175.0-5180.0	5245.0-5250.0	12345
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1460.0-1461.0	1488.0-1489.0	1328350
Nickel ($/tonne)	5705.0-5710.0	5785.0-5790.0	77640

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 78.5 (day's range 78.4-78.7).

Mkt Rates for Aug 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6718-2.6826	2.6780-2.6814	¼pr-⅛ds	⅜-⅛pr
Brussels	49.08-49.35	49.12-49.23	par-5ds	3-10ds
Copenhagen	9.4270-9.4820	9.4270-9.4420	⅝-1⅜ds	3⅜-4⅞ds
Dublin	1.0140-1.0170	1.0143-1.0170	4-8ds	21-27ds
Frankfurt	2.3781-2.3894	2.3781-2.3813	¼pr-par	⅜-¼pr
Lisbon	244.05-245.74	244.32-244.95	147-166ds	403-457ds
Madrid	199.54-200.47	199.78-200.07	46-53ds	136-148ds
Milan	2428.20-2444.40	2428.20-2432.20	7-9ds	23-26ds
Montreal	2.1266-2.1339	2.1306-2.1336	0.03-0.10ds	0.06-0.16ds
New York	1.5476-1.5508	1.5498-1.5508	0.03-0.01pr	0.19-0.15pr
Oslo	10.4700-10.5210	10.5050-10.5210	par-⅛ds	1⅞-2⅞ds
Paris	8.1700-8.2090	8.1760-8.1900	¼-½ds	⅜-⅞ds
Stockholm	11.9160-11.9940	11.9670-11.9910	2⅝-3⅝ds	8½-9¾ds
Tokyo	152.16-152.76	152.50-152.76	1⅛-⅞pr	1⅝-1¼pr
Vienna	16.74-16.83	16.78-16.82	1-½pr	3⅜-1⅝pr
Zurich	1.9987-2.0084	1.9987-2.0029	⅛-⅛pr	⅞-⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5455-1.5481
Australia dollar	2.0965-2.0986
Bahrain dinar	0.5775-0.5895
Brazil real*	1.3831-1.3871
Cyprus pound	0.7250-0.7350
Finland marka	7.8270-7.9430
Greece drachma	358.25-365.28
Hong Kong dollar	11.9548-11.9640
India rupee	48.11-49.07
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4555-0.4655
Malaysia ringgit	3.9407-3.9448
Mexico peso	5.16-5.26
New Zealand dollar	2.5804-2.5851
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7470-5.8730
Singapore dollar	2.3247-2.3277
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8945-6.9455
S Africa rand (com)	5.5295-5.5378
U A E dirham	5.6255-5.7495

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3553-1.3563
Austria	10.83-10.84
Belgium (Com)	31.77-31.80
Canada	1.3757-1.3762
Denmark	6.1000-6.1055
France	5.2810-5.2840
Germany	1.5396-1.5399
Hong Kong	7.7267-7.7277
Ireland	1.5269-1.5294
Italy	1569.80-1571.30
Japan	98.48-98.53
Malaysia	2.5470-2.5480
Netherlands	1.7238-1.7288
Norway	6.7780-6.7800
Portugal	157.90-158.20
Singapore	1.5025-1.5035
Spain	128.95-129.10
Sweden	7.7226-7.7301
Switzerland	1.2920-1.2930

MONEY MARKET RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5⅛ Low 4¾ Week fixed: 4⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛ ; 3 mth 5⁵⁄₁₆. Sell: 2 mth 5 ; 3 mth: 5³⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4⅞	5⅛-5¹⁄₁₆	5⁷⁄₁₆-5⅜	5⅞-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¹⁄₃₂-4³¹⁄₃₂	5³⁄₁₆-5⅛	5¹⁵⁄₃₂-5¹³⁄₃₂	6-5⅞	6¼-6⅛
Interbank:	5¹⁄₃₂-4³¹⁄₃₂	5³⁄₁₆-5⅛	5¹⁵⁄₃₂-5¹³⁄₃₂	6-5⅞	6⅝-6½

Overnight: open 4⅞, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5	n/a	5⅜	5⅞	6½
Sterling CDs:	5-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5¼-5⅛	5⁷⁄₁₆-5⅜	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6⅝-6½
Dollar CDs:	4.76-4.73	n/a	4.89-4.86	5.20-5.17	5.69-5.66
Building Society CDs:	5¹⁄₃₂-4³¹⁄₃₂	5³⁄₁₆-5⅛	5¹³⁄₃₂-5¹¹⁄₃₂	6-5⅞	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £1,935m allotted: £500m: Bids: £98.69% received: 97%: Last week: £n/a% received: n/a%: Avge rate: £5.2538% last wk £n/a%; Next week: £500m.

ECU / EUROCURRENCY RATES

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅝-4½	4¹³⁄₁₆-4¹¹⁄₁₆	5-4⅞	5⅜-5¼	4⅝-3⅞
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅛-4⅞
French Franc:	5¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⁵⁄₁₆-5³⁄₁₆	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	6-5⅞	6-5
Swiss Franc:	4-3¾	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-4	4⅜-4¼	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2³⁄₁₆-1¹⁵⁄₁₆	2¼-2⅛	2¹⁵⁄₁₆-2¹³⁄₁₆	2¹⁵⁄₁₆-2¹³⁄₁₆	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD

Bullion: Open $381.30-381.70 Close: $381.90-382.40 High: $382.30-382.80 Low: $380.30-380.80 Krugerrand: $384.00-386.00 (£248.50-250.50)
Sovereigns: Old $89.25-91.25 (£57.25-59.25) New $89.25-91.25 (£57.25-59.25)
Platinum: $413.00 (£266.90) Silver: $5.20 (£3.355) Palladium: $154.00 (£99.50)



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Why you may have to wait years for your money





ALAN WELLER

Abby Cocovini had never had to pay bills and now has an overdraft of £500

Low-earning graduates can face unpleasant surprises, says **Margaret Dibben**

Time of reckoning for student loans

The Student Loan Company is taking money out of some graduates' bank accounts to repay student loans before they have had time to ask for payments to be deferred because they are not earning enough.

Last academic year, 430,000 students, nearly half of those eligible, took out loans to supplement grants, contributions from parents and bank overdrafts (see box for details of student bank offers). A higher proportion is predicted this year because grants will be 10 per cent lower. Many of the 300,000 sixth-formers who got good enough A-level results this week to get them a place at university will need loans, as will second and third-year students. According to a survey published this week by Barclays Bank, 60 per cent of students owe between £550 and £822 to the Student Loan Company.

In theory, repayment of loans starts in the April after graduation. Students, when they first apply for loans, sign direct debit mandates authorising the loan company to deduct repayments. But if a graduate has no job, or is earning below 85 per cent of the national average wage, repayments can be delayed for a year at a time. In the new academic year, the earnings limit will be £14,600 a year.

The Student Loan Company writes to graduates each February, telling them how much their repayments will be and inviting anyone who is eligible to claim a deferment. But letters can take a long time to arrive. Very few ex-students still live at the address on their loan application form.

A graduate working in Manchester, and earning below the repayment limit, says: "Students don't live at home any more and it takes time to forward post and get the information together. You have to copy payslips and various things to show you are not earning enough ... There is not enough time."

Ronald Harrison, managing director of the Student Loan Company, denies there is too little time to respond. "They have two months to claim a deferment," he says. "We send out letters, including deferment application forms, at the beginning of February, telling graduates how much will be deducted from their bank account by direct debit the following April." If there is no response, the Student Loan Company starts taking repayments.

Graduates who earn too little to repay loans immediately should make sure the Student Loans Company has their current addresses.

David Dorrington started a post-graduate course at the University of Central Lancashire in March, so does not have to pay off his loan immediately. But when the letter from the Student Loan Company arrived at his parents' house, they assumed it was a statement and did not send it on at once. He said: "It finally arrived too late to do anything. I still sent in the deferment form, but I got another letter saying they would start debiting the account in April."

Any money wrongly debited is paid back, "unless there has been a very long delay", Mr Harrison says.

But some students still have problems. The Manchester graduate explains: "After one direct debit had gone out, I contacted them and said I wanted to defer payment. They deferred it for another year, but did not refund what they had debited."

Even if a letter is returned because the recipient is not known at the address on the envelope, the company still activates payments.

Mr Harrison says: "It is up to the borrower to keep the lender informed of changes of address." The company cannot check students' addresses with their banks because that is confidential information.

WHAT THE BANKS OFFER

Bank/ Building Society	Incentive	Interest if in Credit?	Free Banking	Interest Free O/D
Abbey National	-	0.20%	Yes	-
Bank of Scotland	-	3.25%	Yes a	£500
Barclays Bank	£15	1.00%	Yes	£400 to £700 g
First Trust Bank (NI)	*Pair of Lee Jeans*	*0.30%*	*Yes*	-
Halifax BS	5% discount on Inter Rail	3.75%	Yes	up to £1k
Lloyds Bank	£16 YPR and £15 record token or £25	1.00%	Yes	£400 to £800 h
Midland Bank	Before Freshers Fair £25	2.72%	Yes	£800 to £700 j
NatWest Bank	Discount vouchers or £10	1.50%	Yes	£400 to £500 c
Northern Bank (NI)	Clock radio, 20 unit phone card	0.50%	Yes	-
Royal Bank of Scotland	-	3.00%	Yes b	£400 to £600 m
TSB	Cinema tickets and discount vouchers	3.50%	Yes	£400

All rates above are variable and shown gross
a-Charge for Direct Debits and Standing Orders; b-Unauthorised Overdraft incurs transaction charges; c-Rises to £500 in year 3; g-Rises to £700 in final year; h-Rises to £800 in year 2 and £800 in year 3+; j-Rises up to £800 in year 2 and up to £700 in year 3+; m-Rises to £600 in final year.
Source. Moneyfacts *Figures compiled on August 10, 1994*

WHERE TO GO

Student Grants and Loans, a free booklet, is available from the Department for Education, Publications Centre, PO Box 2193, London E15 2EU, or the Scottish Office Education Department, *Gyleview* House, 3 Redheughs Rigg, South Gyle, Edinburgh EH12 9HH, or Welsh Office Training, Enterprise and Education Dept, 3rd Floor, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CF4 3UT, or the Department for Education for Northern *Ireland, Rathgael* House, Balloo Road, Bangor, Co Down BT19 7PR.

Get on course for survival

In the first few weeks at university, a student may feel quite rich. Provided you have organised a bank account in good time, your grant cheque should have been paid in. Parents and grandparents might also have given you money. The temptations to spend are everywhere, and you can use up a term's allowance in a few weeks. So here are some tips from old hands.

Paul Smith is in his third year at City University in Islington, north London. He was used to London prices, but his university friends from the North of England were shocked by the price of beer.

He says: "Even the price of things at university that you would expect to be cheap, such as the bars and food, were not." But the biggest problem in London is accommodation costs. He says: "This year, my grant cheque only covers my rent. But as this is my final year, I am going to have to spend about £300 on books."

His advice to students is:

- Do not smoke;
- Get a job at the university, preferably in the student union bar;
- Pay bills at the start of each month so you know how much you can afford to spend in the rest of the month.

Abby Cocovini is in the third year of a four-year course at Glasgow School of Art. She had never had to pay any bills before.

She says: "I didn't have a clue about anything. The most expensive thing is rent." She did not have an overdraft to begin with, but soon borrowed £100. Now she has a £500 overdraft. She says: "Clubs are cheaper in Glasgow than they are in London, but that doesn't mean they are cheap."

Her advice to freshers is:

- Budget carefully;
- Get a job;
- Sort out accommodation in the summer holiday because the best places go quickly;
- Check if the university has a blacklist of landlords.

Julie Phillips, a student business officer with Barclays in Plymouth, offers other tips:

- Ask about the best, safe areas in which to live;
- Check whose name will be on the lease. If it is yours, you could be responsible for flatmates' rent if they do not pay;
- Before signing a lease, ask whether you will have to pay full or half rent over the holidays;
- In some areas, landlords let their rooms to tourists during the summer. You would not have to pay rent, but you would have to move out your possessions and store them or take them home;
- If you live in student accommodation, you will not pay council tax. If you live with non-students you will, but you might be able to claim council tax benefit;
- Avoid places with big windows — you lose a lot of heat, on which you now pay VAT;
- Budget early in your student career;
- Allow enough money for bills: ask other students how much you need to put by;
- Always keep enough money aside to get home in case of emergency;
- Leave your credit card at home for emergencies only;
- If you cannot pay your bills, explain your problem immediately to whoever you owe; do not wait until a final demand because they will be less helpful if you have wasted a lot of management time;
- Ask for a list of student discounts available locally;
- Do not join every club in freshers' week. Each one might cost only £2 or £3, but it quickly adds up. You can always join later, when you have discovered which are most fun;
- Check out the refectory. It will be good value.



Smith: "get university job"

Weekend Money is edited by Sara McConnell

Pension industry still astray

COMMENT



LINDSAY COOK
Business Editor

More than two years after Robert Maxwell died, taking with him the secret of what he did with his employees' pension money, it is quite remarkable how some companies still seem to run their occupational pension schemes as if it were their own money and nothing to do with their employees.

The annual report of the pensions ombudsman highlights the disregard both private and public pension schemes have for their members. He has this year ordered £900,000 compensation to be paid to members, but not without a struggle.

Take the case of Mrs A, a widow who tried to claim her husband's pension. He died at the age of 67, but had not been paid a pension after retirement, even though he had been a member of his employer's pension scheme.

Mrs A tried to find out from the company what his entitlement was and could not get an answer. She contacted the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service. It could not find out from the company what entitlement there was.

The ombudsman's office did not find the going much easier. Over several months, with the help of the insurance company managing the pension scheme, it was able to discover that the husband had been a member of the scheme and there was a benefit held for him.

The trustees finally allowed the insurance company to pay over the full value of the policy with interest. To an outsider, it seems very close to fraud not to pay out a pension to someone entitled to it and then fail to answer letters from the widow of the scheme member.

Similar battles to trace pension benefits, increase payments in line with promises made, improve transfer values, or redistribute pension scheme assets are detailed in the report.

Too often, the individual pension scheme member can get nowhere when seeking information or redress. Alone, and retired or redundant, they have little chance. The ombudsman has the clout in some cases, but large numbers fall outside his jurisdiction. There is still too much wrongdoing in the pension industry in the guise of utmost probity.

And to think that many in the pensions industry thought that a code of practice was all that was needed to sort things out.

Chinese whispers

Staff at the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society have been told that, under no circumstances, may they discuss any aspect of the Lloyds Bank takeover with customers. There is a special takeover helpline, but, as this consists solely of a recorded message, it is of no use to customers with specific queries. C&G says it cannot answer customers' questions for legal reasons.

To judge from the number of letters and phone calls received by this newspaper from confused C&G savers and borrowers, the official explanation sent out to customers leaves a lot to be desired in terms of both detail and clarity. But, because supplementary questions are banned, this is all the information they have to go on.

One reader, who transferred his savings from one C&G account to another in April last year, rang *The Times* to ask whether he would still qualify for a takeover bonus. C&G's press office confirmed that staff would be unable to discuss the matter with him personally, but seemed quite happy to give *The Times* the answer in the full knowledge that it would be passed on to the reader.

Communicating information via a third party in this fashion is farcical. It is also, on the Chinese whispers principle, risky. We told the reader that he did not qualify for a bonus because he switched from a deposit to a share account at the wrong time.

Depressing news, but at least it leaves him free to take advantage of more attractive savings products offered by competitors, without having to worry that he is not sacrificing his takeover bonus by so doing.

Is the law really this much of an ass — or is it simply another example of the legal muddle-headedness that has dogged this deal from the outset?

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FREE GUIDE

Damian Reece looks at married couples with children in the second of his series on where to invest when

Invest to protect the family



DAVID BRENCHLEY

Graham and Wendy Berriman, who have three children, Janna, Peter and David, found they were undercovered

Be warned. Once you are married with children, commission-hungry insurance salesmen flock to offer you financial planning advice. You are an ideal target because you now have dependants and, therefore, obligations. Marriage and a family will always make money matters more complex, but your priorities lie in four basic areas: protecting your family against your untimely death, paying into a pension, building investments and keeping a close eye on your tax affairs. Robin Bloor, director of Chase de Vere, the independent financial adviser, says: "The important thing about this stage in life is prioritising your needs. That doesn't mean just looking at short-term goals. You've got to look at the whole perspective and take advice on what you should be doing across the board."

You must make a will. It is wrong to assume that your spouse will automatically get everything if you die. The will must be updated to take account of children as they come along.

School fees may well loom at this stage and the sooner you start planning for these the better. So-called "school fees plans" are generally just endowment policies or other savings plans dressed up, so you do not need to feel limited to these. There are insurance schemes that, if started early enough, will pay out when fees begin. Putting money aside in unit trust or investment trust personal equity plans or saving schemes, or possibly in a ten-year endowment, will build up a lump sum to cover fees and other costs. Gifts from grandparents also come in handy for paying school fees and can help to reduce the grandparents' inheritance tax bill if they survive seven years after making such gifts.

Married couples are now assessed independently for tax, with separate tax-free allowances. Investment income can be put into the name of a non-working spouse to use up their allowance and reduce tax. Capital gains can also be minimised in this way. If one is self-employed, employing a non-working spouse saves on tax.

Having children could mean a temporary loss of the wife's income. Plan for it (see savings and investments and pensions). Capital can also be used to repay part or all of a mortgage early.

Graham and Wendy Berriman discussed their financial affairs with numerous life assurance salesmen over the years. But they only discovered a year ago that they were underinsured if one of them died.

Apart from Legal & General endowment cover for their mortgage with the Portman Building Society, they had no other life assurance. Now they have an extra £120,000 of protection through a term assurance policy to pay other costs if one of them dies early.

The couple's need to start extra payments to their pension arrangements through an additional voluntary contribution scheme was spotted by an Equitable Life salesman. Each now pays £62.50 a month. The AVC arrangement was prompted mainly by the fact that Mrs Berriman had stopped contributing to her pension scheme when she left work to bring up their children, Janna, 9, David, 11, and Peter, 13.

Their circumstances changed in 1990 when she returned to full-time work. As a result, they have each started a personal equity plan for long-term savings. They also have a Tessa each and intend to use the proceeds from these accounts to pay off some of their mortgage early.

As teachers, Mr and Mrs Berriman, and their children, are covered under their local authority's medical insurance scheme. Even so, they are thinking of taking out extra permanent health insurance in case one of them should be away from work ill for a long time.

LIFE POLICIES

LIFE assurance pays out a lump sum to your spouse and children if you die before they do, and is a must. Life cover comes in different forms. Endowment policies include life cover but are really savings schemes, with correspondingly higher premiums and set-up charges. Term assurance is pure life cover. If you die before the term is up, your family gets a lump sum. If you survive, they get nothing. This sort of cover is a lot cheaper.

Many people will have life assurance to repay a mortgage should the borrower die before the loan is cleared. On top of this, there should be extra life cover to provide a decent and rising income for the surviving spouse and children, after all debts are paid off. Company pension schemes will normally pay life assurance worth three or four times salary to the widow or widower of a spouse who dies before retirement. But the main earner is not the only one who needs cover. If the person looking after children at home dies, then the survivor may be faced with the costs of bringing up a family, including child minders or nannies.

If you are employed you will probably be eligible for sick pay. But you can also take out permanent health insurance, which pays out an income if one of you falls ill and stops work for a prolonged period. Critical illness cover is also worth considering.

PENSIONS

YOU should contribute as much as you can afford to a company or personal pension scheme. Robin Bloor, of Chase de Vere, says pensions, along with protection, often come second best to such things as mortgages. "This is wrong. They should start off on an equal footing," he says. Occasionally, employers who do not offer a company scheme will pay into an individual's own pension plan. You should review pension contributions regularly and increase them as income rises. Think about when you want to retire, on what income, and aim to fund that target. The Inland Revenue sets limits on the amount of salary you can contribute every year, because you get tax relief on the contributions. But you can top up your company scheme or personal pension with additional voluntary contributions (AVCs). Women who stop contributing to a pension when having children often find AVCs a useful way of catching up with lost pension investments.

SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

SAVING is difficult when you have children, a mortgage and are funding a pension. Advisers suggest you should choose funds that aim to increase capital rather than produce high income. You should be able to get at the money without undue penalties or delays if you need it.

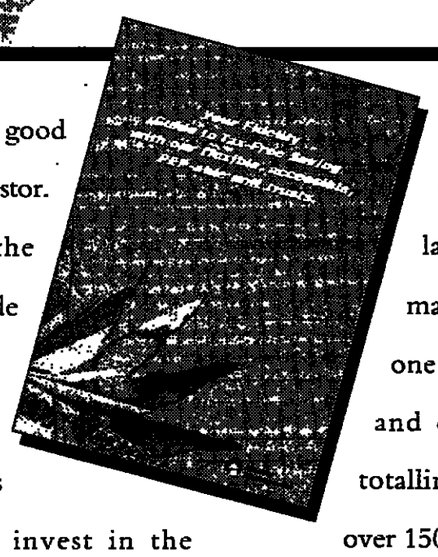
Graham Hooper, investment adviser at Chase de Vere, says many married people with small children will have quite large sums in a building society, when they could get better returns elsewhere.

Make sure you have used up your full £9,000 tax exempt special savings account allowance and then think about longer-term equity based investments such as unit trusts, investment trusts or company shares: all of which can be held in a personal equity plan.

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All systems stop?

Thousands face delays on payouts from pension schemes invested with Crown, **Sara McConnell** reports

Concern is growing over long delays in winding up pension schemes where funds were invested with Crown Financial Management. Both Michael Platt, the pensions ombudsman, and the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service (OPAS) have seen a big increase in complaints from members of such schemes. OPAS estimates the complaints account for half of those it has received since last September about scheme wind-ups.

Crown marketed corporate pension schemes to small companies in the 1980s. Its administration department could not handle the business generated and its corporate pension scheme department was sold to Century Life at the start of 1993. About 85 per cent of the transferred schemes are now being wound up, after the collapse of small companies that bought pension schemes from Crown. Century is now piecing together payment records and lists of members.

Mr Platt says: "The scale of the problem acquired by Century is such that a solution is years, rather than months, distant." He has been told that if he intervenes, he creates only delays, which he finds "frustrating".

Bruce Piggott knows the feeling of frustration only too well. He and 57 other scheme members have been waiting four years to get payouts from a pension scheme managed originally by Crown. Mr Piggott was made redundant by Stag Microsystems, in 1990. A year-and-a-half later, Stag went into receivership and Bradstock Trustee Services was appointed an independent trustee. Mr Piggott's attempts to find out about his pension had been unsuccessful.

Bradstock has also found it an uphill task to get information. Terry Williams, associate director, said: "The administration at Crown left a lot to be desired. Century has had to go through and redo everything from scratch."

Bradstock still has not all the information it needs. Mr Williams said he was waiting for Century to agree guaranteed minimum pension payments with the Social Security Department. By law, schemes have to pay at least this benefit. Once Century knows how much has to be set aside, it can tell Bradstock what is in the scheme, and whether the fund can pay all the benefits.

Bradstock needs to have a list of all Stag Microsystems scheme members before it can pay. Bradstock is at 52-53 Russell Square, London WC1B 4HP. Telephone 071-436 7878. Or, members should contact Bruce Piggott at 135, Daniells, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire AL7 1QT. Telephone 0707 331340.

PETER TREVINOR



Bruce Piggott and 57 other members have waited four years

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Thousands of people are caught up in an administrative nightmare, while their scheme is wound up. Michael Platt, the pensions ombudsman said this week. He identified delays in winding up pension schemes as one of the biggest problems members have to face, particularly when the company is in liquidation.

He says: "Blame may be apportioned between the employer for faulty pay records, the insurance company for unwillingness to press for action, the insolvency practitioner for delay in appointing an independent trustee, the contributions agency of the Social Security Department for the time taken to determine members' guaranteed minimum pensions and the trustees themselves for general inaction. With so many different authorities involved, the potential for delay is obvious. But it is the individual member who is the sufferer."

More and more schemes are being wound up as small companies that started in the boom years of the late 1980s collapse under the weight of the recession.

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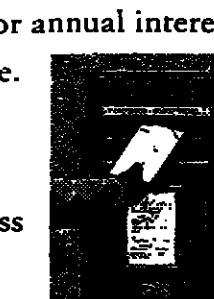
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Alfred Lord Tennyson, left, and Charles Dickens are among the luminaries who have banked with Coutts

Bank with the best

Robert Miller finds the high street banks are starting to offer specialist services for wealthier customers

If you have £50,000 or more in liquid assets, you are one of a growing band of 1.2 million wealthy people. You may have made your money from your own business, inherited it, or simply earn a generous salary.

A survey published this week by Datamonitor calculated that people with between £50,000 and £100,000 collectively held liquid assets totalling £53 billion. "High net worth individuals", as wealthier people are known in financial jargon, held £136 billion of liquid assets between them last year.

Wherever your money comes from, you are certain to be welcomed with open arms by banks offering exclusive private banking services to the rich. High street banks have latched eagerly on to this, realising that it generates a steady flow of fee income from wealthier clients. Midland is the latest to join its rivals Lloyds and Barclays as a private banker.

The old-established banks such as Coutts and Co are unruffled by this incursion into their traditional territory.

Michael Maslinski, of Coutts & Co, says: "Since Barclays and Lloyds launched their private banking arms, interest in our services has increased considerably. What we offer is an all-round bespoke service where the customer is a name rather than a number."

Coutts takes as much pride in its highly sophisticated back-office computer system as it does in its impressive list of past customers, including the Duke of Wellington, Lord Byron, Charles Dickens and Alfred Lord Tennyson. But to emphasise its old traditions and values, senior executives at Coutts still wear frock coats at work.

Today, private banking is about managing portfolios and financial, tax and trust planning rather than having current accounts with swanky cheque books in smart livery. Indeed, to choose a private banking service simply for its current account is expensive.

HOW THE WEALTHY BANK

■ **Coutts.** Customers have to keep an average balance of £3,000 in their current accounts to qualify for free banking. If the balance drops below that level, then charges start at £45 a quarter plus 75p for every transaction that goes through. There is a unit and investment trust management service for sums of £50,000 or more, with up-front fees of 2 per cent and on-going charges of 1 per cent. Portfolios of £100,000 or more will include investment in direct equities.

■ **Fleming.** Customers can open a current account with a minimum balance of £2,500. If the balance drops below that level, there is a fixed fee of £5 a month with no charges for individual transactions. Fleming's private banking customers with overdrafts pay 2.5 per cent over the prevailing base rate. The overdraft is linked to the customer's portfolio and they can borrow up to 50 per cent of the value of that portfolio with a maximum of £250,000.

■ **Midland.** There are five specially designated offices for its client banking service. This will be increased over the next 18 months to 60. Midland plans to offer a separate current account service to its private banking customers at some date in the future, but, for now, they will have to use the parent bank's current accounts. The main services will be in the investment, probate and trust areas of portfolio management. There will be no minimum portfolio size.

■ **Barclays.** Barclays Private Banking does offer a special current account with its own livery. Customers are normally expected to have a portfolio of about £250,000.

■ **Lloyds.** Lloyds Private Banking, which has 24,000 clients and £6 billion under management, does not offer a separate current account facility and customers use the standard services provided by the parent bank. But the Lloyds private banking arm does have a private network of 31 offices in England and Wales that has its own livery and an account manager designated to each customer. Customers of Lloyds Private Banking are expected to have about £75,000. Fees for portfolio management start at 1 per cent of funds up to £500,000, at which point they become negotiable.

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UK Equity	576.00	609.60	+ 7.90	...
Property	490.60	519.20	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Interest	305.80	323.70	- 0.70	...
Money	248.00	262.50	+ 0.10	...
International	381.40	403.30	+ 3.60	...
For AEtna see Windsor Life				
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	285.90	301.00	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	521.70	549.20	...	...
Equity Fd Inc	167.70	176.60	+ 3.30	...
-do- Acc	223.70	235.50	+ 4.20	...
Selective Fd	483.10	508.60	+ 4.90	...
Money Fd	373.50	393.30	+ 0.30	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	407.30	428.70	+ 0.10	...
Equity Ser 4	214.30	225.60	+ 3.20	...
Man Ser 4	671.10	706.50	+ 4.70	...
Conv Ser 4	325.50	342.70	+ 0.20	...
Money Ser 4	325.10	342.30	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	330.80	348.30	- 0.70	...
American Ser 4	484.40	510.50	+ 0.80	...
High Inc Ser 4	670.80	706.20	+ 0.60	...
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Japan Ser 4	391.60	412.30	+ 1.40	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	£15.43	£16.25	+ 8.20	...
European Fd Acc	373.80	393.50	+ 1.10	...
Fixed Int Acc	481.90	507.20	+ 0.60	...
Gtd Money Acc	330.70	348.10	+ 0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	621.90	654.60	+ 6.60	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	312.90	329.40	+ 1.60	...
Japan Fund	317.31	334.00	- 0.60	...
N American Acc	312.90	329.40	+ 1.30	...
Prop Fd Acc	439.00	462.00	+ 0.40	...
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ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	366.90	388.40	+ 0.20	...
Equity Acc	£14.37	£15.13	+15.70	...
Property Acc	562.40	592.00	+ 0.40	...
Far East Acc	348.60	367.00	+ 4.40	...
Managed Capital	543.00	571.60	+ 4.70	...
-do- Acc	£11.01	£11.59	+ 9.90	...
Overseas Acc	955.30	£10.05	+10.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	463.70	488.20	...	...
Amer Equity Acc	741.10	780.20	+ 5.00	...
Amer Man Acc	316.30	333.00	+ 1.90	...
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International Acc	412.40	434.20	+ 3.70	...
-do- Initial	276.30	290.90	+ 2.00	...
Managed Acc	522.50	549.70	+ 4.80	...
-do- Initial	351.10	369.60	+ 3.30	...
Money Acc	287.90	303.10	+ 0.10	...
Property Acc	301.40	317.30	+ 0.20	...
-do- Initial	200.90	211.50	...	...
America Acc	269.10	283.30	+ 2.70	...
Australia Acc	221.30	233.00	- 2.80	...
Financial Acc	316.60	333.30	+ 2.70	...
500 Accum	443.30	466.70	+ 3.80	...
Japan Genl Acc	389.50	409.00	+ 2.40	...
Income Acc	516.40	543.60	+ 2.70	...
Leisure Acc	232.20	244.50	+ 2.00	...
Special Sits Acc	233.20	245.50	+ 1.20	...
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N Amer & Genrl	352.77	371.34	+ 2.71	
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Life Fxd Int Acc	353.10	371.70	+ 1.50	...
Life Equity Acc	820.70	863.80	+ 9.10	...
Life Money Acc	298.30	313.90	+ 0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	941.10	985.30	+ 9.50	...
Life Intl Acc	516.50	543.60	+ 5.80	...
Life High Inc Acc	781.80	822.90	+10.80	...
Life Property Acc	275.50	290.00	+ 0.30	...
Crown Brit Inv A	£13.89			
Brewin Equity	676.90	712.50	+ 4.80	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	173.60	182.80	+ 0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	243.70	256.60	+ 1.60	...
-do- Series 2	158.80	167.20	+ 1.10	...
Adventurous Fd	205.10	215.90	+ 0.30	...
-do- Series 2	156.20	164.50	+ 0.30	...
Performance Fd	253.50	266.90	+ 1.30	...
-do- Series 2	166.80	175.60	+ 0.90	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	134.90	142.00	+ 0.50	...
UK Equity Fund	160.40	168.90	+ 1.50	...
Property Fund	124.20	130.80	- 0.30	...
Envrnmntl Opps	159.90	168.40	+ 0.90	...
Euro Fund	194.00	204.30	+ 1.90	...
North Amer Fd	185.50	195.30	+ 2.20	...
Oriental Ops	247.10	260.20	+ 3.20	...
Japanese Fund	143.50	151.10	+ 0.40	...
Bri & West Life	121.90	128.40	+ 0.10	...
Bri & West Pen	136.50	143.70	+ 0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	263.00	272.50	+ 1.70	3.36
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	305.60	321.70	+ 2.70	...
UK Equity	401.70	422.90	+ 4.80	...
Stewardship	344.60	362.80	+ 2.70	...
Overseas Equity	289.90	305.20	+ 2.40	...
North American	145.30	153.00	+ 0.50	...
Pacific Basin	174.50	183.70	+ 1.50	...
European	212.30	223.50	+ 2.30	...
Property	208.80	219.80	- 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	217.70	229.20	- 0.70	...
Index Linked	161.30	169.80	- 1.70	...
Cash	198.40	208.90	+ 0.10	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	379.00	399.00	+ 4.40	...
GT Plan Wwide	529.90	557.80	+ 4.50	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	210.70	221.60	+ 2.10	...
Unitised Profit	133.50	140.40	+ 0.20	...
UK Equity	278.30	292.80	+ 3.50	...
Fixed Int	182.50	192.00	+ 0.90	...
Index-Linked	158.60	166.90	+ 1.70	...
Cash Deposit	172.80	181.80	+ 0.10	...
Property	185.00	194.60	+ 0.10	...
International	181.40	190.80	+ 2.20	...
American	154.10	162.10	+ 0.30	...
Japan	274.30	288.70	+ 2.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	280.90	295.60	+ 2.70	...
European	183.90	193.50	+ 2.60	...
Pacific Fund	302.80	318.60	+ 2.30	...
Com Life	128.20	134.90	+ 0.60	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	691.50	691.50	+ 5.10	...
-do- Inv A	691.40	727.90	+ 5.40	...
UK Equity	401.50	422.70	+ 5.20	...
Gilt Plus	191.90	202.10	- 0.20	...
Managed	305.50	321.60	+ 2.40	...
Inter Man	275.10	289.70	+ 1.60	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	791.10	824.10	...	...
Managed Initial	470.20	494.90	+ 2.60	...
-do- Acc	666.00	701.00	+ 4.00	...
Equity Initial	685.00	721.10	+ 3.20	...
-do- Acc	970.30	£10.21	+ 4.90	...
Fixed Int Initial	419.90	442.00	- 3.60	...
-do- Acc	594.80	626.10	- 4.80	...
Intl Initial	480.30	505.50	+ 4.70	...
-do- Acc	680.30	716.10	+ 7.00	...
Nth Amer Initial	170.30	179.20	+ 0.70	...
-do- Acc	219.50	231.00	+ 0.50	...
Pacific Initial	265.40	279.40	+ 3.30	...
-do- Acc	339.00	356.80	+ 4.30	...
Property Initial	178.20	187.60	...	...
-do- Acc	252.10	265.40	...	...
Index-Lnkd Intl	153.10	161.10	- 0.80	...
-do- Acc	197.30	207.70	- 1.10	...
Deposit Initial	196.40	206.70	...	...
-do- Acc	278.20	292.80	+ 0.10	...
Euro Initial	108.60	114.30	+ 1.50	...
-do- Acc	129.40	136.20	+ 1.90	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 208939				
Managed	167.70	176.50	+ 1.20	...
-do- Pens	205.60	216.40	+ 2.10	...
UK Equity	167.90	176.70	+ 0.90	...
-do- Pens	191.20	201.20	+ 1.30	...
International	150.20	158.10	+ 0.80	...
-do- Pens	163.60	172.20	+ 1.40	...
Deposit	138.70	146.00	+ 0.10	...
-do- Pens	163.60	172.20	+ 0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	363.10	386.30	+ 1.40	...
North America	334.20	355.60	+ 2.90	...
Far East Fund	686.90	730.80	+ 7.00	...
Global Managed	480.40	511.10	+ 4.00	...
Deposit Fund	227.40	239.40	+ 0.20	...
Prime Residential	134.00	141.10	...	...
European Fund	265.10	282.10	+ 4.40	...
Fixed Interest	62.30	66.30	- 0.10	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	514.10	544.10	+ 3.50	...
British Fund	517.80	548.00	+ 4.50	...
International	543.10	574.80	+ 6.60	...
Dollar Fund	360.40	381.40	+ 2.30	...
Capital Fund	475.60	503.30	+ 5.00	...
Income Fund	680.40	730.00	+ 8.00	...
Property Series A	461.60	468.50	...	4.80
Property Units	763.00	801.20	...	...
Financial Fund	558.50	591.10	+ 4.90	...
Managed Ser A	535.10	566.30	+ 2.50	...
Managed Units	956.40	£10.06	+ 4.50	...
High Yield Fund	647.40	685.10	+ 3.80	...
Money Series A	285.70	302.40	+ 0.20	...
Money Units	378.30	398.30	+ 0.50	...
Equity Fund	611.60	647.20	+ 6.20	...
Fixed Interest	347.90	368.20	- 7.30	...
Indexed Secs	178.60	189.00	+ 0.90	...
European Fund	738.50	781.50	+ 6.30	...
Natural Res	297.10	314.40	+ 0.40	...
Far East Fund	707.10	748.30	+ 8.10	...
Smaller Cos	499.10	528.20	...	...
Special Sits	441.40	467.10	+ 4.50	...
Man Currency	260.50	275.70	+ 0.50	...
Japanese Tech	312.20	330.40	+ 3.30	...
US Smaller Cos	203.50	215.40	+ 5.30	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	567.40	597.30	+ 6.80	...
Global Property	288.00	303.20	...	...
Global Fixed Int	483.20	508.60	- 1.90	...
Global Equity	608.50	640.50	+ 9.40	...
Global Cash	211.60	222.70	+ 0.20	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	462.00	486.30	- 1.30	...
Property	492.20	518.10	+ 0.40	...
Managed	420.10	442.20	+ 5.60	...
American	385.40	405.60	+ 3.20	...
UK Equity Fd	453.00	476.80	+ 7.80	...
Japan	232.80	245.00	+ 6.30	...
Index-Lkd	176.80	186.10	+ 0.80	...
High Yield	851.20	896.00	+ 9.90	...
Growth Cap	408.10	429.50	- 1.20	...
Money	399.20	420.20	+ 0.40	...
International	407.90	429.30	+ 5.50	...
Henderson Active	224.10	235.90	+ 0.80	...
Perpetual Active	341.90	359.80	+ 3.60	...
Growth Cap	408.10	429.50	- 1.20	...
-do- Acc	655.70	690.20	+ 8.40	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	135.10	142.30	...	...
-do- Acc	184.90	194.70	- 0.10	...
Brit Opps Init	142.60	150.20	+ 1.10	...
-do- Acc	175.30	184.60	+ 1.40	...
Cash Initial	167.20	176.00	+ 0.20	...
-do- Acc	284.90	299.90	+ 0.30	...
Equity Initial	653.10	687.50	+10.20	...
-do- Acc	£11.13	£11.71	+17.40	...
Fixed Initial	328.00	345.30	+ 1.30	...
-do- Acc	559.00	588.50	+ 2.10	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	130.00	136.90	+ 1.40	...
-do- Acc	189.00	199.00	+ 2.00	...
Intl Initial	359.10	378.00	+ 3.00	...
-do- Acc	602.40	634.20	+ 5.00	...
Managed Initial	484.80	510.40	+ 5.80	...
-do- Acc	826.20	869.70	+ 9.90	...
Property Initial	217.40	228.90	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	370.50	390.00	- 0.60	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£131.95	...	+ 2.75	...
Property Units	£27.76	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£64.72	£68.13	+ 0.81	...
2nd Equity Acc	652.70	687.10	+15.70	...
2nd High Inc Ac	619.80	652.40	+ 8.50	...
2nd Property Acc	253.40	266.70	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	179.20	188.70	+ 1.00	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	474.10	499.10	+ 5.30	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	237.70	250.20	+ 2.50	...
2nd Deposit Acc	278.40	293.00	+ 0.30	...
2nd Gilt Acc	287.90	303.00	- 0.90	...
2nd Amer Acc	635.80	669.30	+10.20	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	262.10	275.90	+ 1.80	...
2nd Index Acc	199.60	210.10	...	...
2nd Far East Acc	486.30	511.90	+ 2.00	...
2nd Global Acc	178.20	187.60	+ 2.90	...
2nd Euro Acc	168.20	177.10	+ 1.20	...
2nd Japan Acc	217.10	228.50	+ 1.00	...
2nd Intl Cr Bd Acc	162.90	171.40	- 1.30	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	129.80	136.70	+ 1.70	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£914.10	...	+ 8.10	...
Fixed Interest	£294.60	...	- 0.10	...
Property	£397.10	...	- 0.50	...
Deposit	£289.40	...	+ 0.20	...
Mixed	£600.70	...	+ 3.00	...
Indexed Stock	£204.50	...	+ 1.40	...
International	£302.70	...	+ 0.10	...
Equity A	£212.20	...	+ 1.90	...
Fixed Int A	£175.20	...	+ 0.10	...
Property A	£174.70	...	- 0.20	...
Deposit A	£170.20	...	+ 0.10	...
Mixed A	£197.60	...	+ 1.00	...
Index Stock A	£160.20	...	+ 1.10	...
International A	£189.20	...	...	...
Equity P	£759.30	...	+ 9.20	...
Fixed Int P	£518.40	...	+ 0.60	...
Property P	£327.50	...	+ 0.20	...
Deposit P	£339.30	...	+ 0.30	...
Mixed P	£557.10	...	+ 3.90	...
Index Stock P	£233.70	...	+ 1.50	...
International P	£356.40	...	- 0.30	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	£624.50	...	+ 6.70	...
-do- Acc	£10.31	...	+11.90	...
Property Cap	£151.60	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£241.20	...	+ 0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£186.70	...	- 0.60	...
-do- Acc	£298.60	...	- 0.70	...
Equity Cap	£321.00	...	+ 1.40	...
-do- Acc	£520.00	...	+ 2.60	...
Internatl Cap	£247.50	...	+ 1.40	...
-do- Acc	£397.30	...	+ 2.60	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£166.30	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£262.80	...	+ 0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£349.60	...	+ 1.40	...
-do- Acc	£564.90	...	+ 2.70	...
Moneymaker Fd	£434.90	...	+ 1.80	...
Capital Growth	£816.91	...	+ 9.20	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	394.80	414.70	+ 4.60	...
Amer Rec Bond	475.00	498.90	+ 2.30	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	225.40	236.90	+ 7.50	...
Australasia Bd	239.40	251.50	- 4.60	...
Commodity Bond	326.40	342.70	+ 1.40	...
Deposit Bond Acc	358.20	376.20	+ 0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	£15.08	£15.84	+12.50	...
European Bd Acc	389.90	409.50	+ 3.40	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	730.90	767.50	+ 3.20	...
Far East Bd Acc	330.60	347.40	+ 8.70	...
Gilt Bond Acc	413.60	434.40	+ 1.60	...
Gold Bond Acc	168.10	176.70	+ 3.00	...
High Yield Bond	343.50	360.80	+ 0.50	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	201.10	211.20	+ 1.70	...
International Bd	791.20	830.80	+ 6.40	...
Japan Bond Acc	308.50	324.00	+ 3.90	...
Japan Smr Cos Ac	312.50	328.20	+ 1.90	...
Managed Bonds	896.00	940.90	+ 6.80	...
Prop Bond Acc	335.50	353.60	- 1.10	...
Rec Bond Acc	770.10	808.70	+ 0.40	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	226.60	238.60	+ 2.40	...
UK Equity Acc	316.30	333.00	+ 3.50	...
Special Sits	93.10	98.00	+ 0.50	...
Special Sits Acc	130.00	136.90	- 0.70	...
North American	175.40	184.70	+ 0.80	...
N American Acc	244.90	257.80	+ 1.10	...
Pacific Basin	394.40	415.20	+ 4.90	...
Pacific Basin Acc	550.70	579.70	+ 7.20	...
Fixed Interest	269.00	283.20	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Interest Acc	376.00	395.80	+ 0.40	...
Property	175.20	184.50	...	...
Property Acc	245.00	257.90	+ 0.20	...
Deposit	152.00	160.00	...	...
Deposit Acc	212.80	224.00	+ 0.10	...
Managed	261.60	275.40	+ 2.30	...
Managed Acc	336.60	354.40	+ 3.30	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	702.70	739.70	+ 5.80	...
Property Fund	535.20	563.40	- 0.50	...
Equity Fund	890.60	937.50	-10.70	...
Gilt Edged Fd	577.80	608.20	+ 1.40	...
Deposit Fund	327.70	344.90	+ 0.20	...
Investment Fd	380.40	399.40	+ 4.50	...
International	560.50	590.00	+ 4.30	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0272 266 366				
Property	453.90	477.70	+ 0.50	...
UK Equity	344.50	362.60	+ 5.20	...
Gilt Edged	541.30	569.70	- 1.30	...
Interest Fund	381.50	401.50	+ 0.30	...
UK Fund	497.90	524.10	+ 5.60	...
Intl Equity	633.70	667.00	+ 4.40	...
Intl Managed	588.90	619.80	+ 4.80	...
North American	208.20	219.10	+ 0.80	...
Far East	506.50	533.10	+ 3.70	...
Intl Currency	262.50	276.30	- 0.30	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	147.10	154.80	- 1.30	...
Fixed Interest	507.30	534.00	- 0.10	...
Managed	729.60	768.00	+ 5.70	...
Deposit	338.10	355.80	+ 0.60	...
Property	474.00	498.90	+ 0.90	...
American	398.90	419.80	+ 1.10	...
Australian	528.50	556.30	- 0.50	...
European	540.80	569.20	+ 9.40	...
Income Acc	756.60	796.40	+ 6.40	...
-do- Dist	454.20	478.10	+ 5.20	3.83
International	330.10	347.40	- 2.30	...
Japan Smaller	603.50	635.20	+ 0.80	...
Singapore & Mal	420.50	442.60	-11.60	...
Smaller Cos	417.40	439.30	- 1.60	...
Tokyo Fund	763.90	804.10	+18.90	...
UK Equity	594.60	625.80	+ 5.30	...
CCM Vangd Mg	744.50	783.60	+ 5.90	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	487.00	512.60	+ 5.90	...
UK Equity	600.30	631.80	+ 9.70	...
Overseas Equity	502.90	529.30	+ 5.40	...
Americas	399.20	420.20	+ 2.50	...
Far East	605.50	637.30	+ 9.40	...
Property	220.30	231.90	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	362.00	381.00	+ 0.90	...
Indexed Gilt	223.00	234.70	+ 2.20	...
Deposit	214.50	225.70	+ 0.10	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	£14.29	£15.04	+17.80	...
Eqty Fund	£31.14	£32.78	+50.90	...
Property Fd	589.40	620.40	+ 1.10	...
Fixed Int Fd	556.20	585.50	- 0.70	...
Deposit Fund	344.90	363.10	+ 0.40	...
Intl Fund	247.20	260.20	+ 2.30	...
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 0733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	164.00	172.60	+ 0.10	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	329.90	347.20	+ 0.30	...
Inv Equity	£11.90	£12.53	+18.20	...
Inv Managed	841.30	885.60	+ 5.40	...
Ret Managed	958.40	£10.08	+10.30	...
For Prolific see Scottish Provident				
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	290.30	306.30	+ 5.10	...
Fxd Interest Acc	229.20	241.80	+ 0.60	...
International Acc	271.70	286.70	+ 2.30	...
Managed Acc	227.60	240.10	+ 2.70	...
Property Acc	235.70	248.70	- 0.20	...
Money Acc	152.50	160.90	+ 0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	235.00	247.90	+ 2.00	...
Japan Equity Acc	139.60	147.30	+ 0.30	...
N Amer Acc	154.40	162.90	+ 1.70	...
Pacific Acc	178.00	187.80	+ 1.50	...
European Acc	198.10	209.00	+ 2.80	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2ST 0438 732080				
Managed Ord	478.80	504.00	+ 6.40	...
Managed Initial	326.00	343.20	+ 4.30	...
Equity Ord	717.30	755.10	+12.80	...
Equity Init	488.30	514.00	+ 8.30	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	192.90	203.10	+ 1.90	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	137.10	144.30	+ 1.20	...
Oseas Equity Ord	395.30	416.10	+ 3.70	...
Oseas Equity Init	269.10	283.30	+ 2.40	...
Property Ord	276.60	291.20	+ 0.70	...
Property Init	188.30	198.20	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Int Ord	263.50	277.40	+ 0.60	...
Fixed Int Init	179.40	188.80	+ 0.20	...
Deposit Ord	204.70	215.50	+ 0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.40	146.70	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	336.80	350.90	- 0.60	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	798.70	840.80	+10.50	...
Equity Fund	£14.78	£15.56	+27.40	...
Intl Fund	639.90	673.60	+ 6.10	...
Fixed Interest	534.00	562.20	+ 1.70	...
Property Fund	463.00	487.40	+ 0.30	...
Cash Fund	361.60	380.70	+ 0.20	...
Pacific Basin	389.70	410.30	+ 2.60	...
N American Fd	239.20	251.80	+ 1.50	...
Euro Fund	271.50	285.80	+ 3.80	...
Balanced Fund	156.10	164.40	+ 2.10	...
Strategic Fund	165.80	174.60	+ 2.40	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	£736.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	449.90	473.60	...	...
Op Prop	499.00	525.30	+ 1.60	...
Op Equity	902.20	955.00	+18.00	...
Op High Yield	547.20	576.00	+ 0.90	...
Op Managed	799.90	842.00	+ 7.80	...
Op Deposit	389.20	409.70	+ 0.30	...
Inc Gth	301.30	317.20	+ 2.60	...
Japan Smlr	307.20	323.40	- 7.40	...
Managed Gth	263.70	277.60	+ 3.00	...
Gilt	76.40	80.50	- 0.40	...
British	363.80	383.00	- 2.00	...
Global Bond	109.30	115.10	+ 0.40	...
Global (35.34)	177.70	187.10	+ 1.70	...
Gold Share	97.00	102.20	+ 0.70	...
High Income	290.30	305.60	+ 2.20	...
Income	433.60	456.50	+ 7.70	...
Japan	486.80	512.50	+ 4.00	...
UK Smlr Cos	346.70	365.00	- 3.50	...
Mngd Growth	467.90	492.60	+ 4.10	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	974.10	£10.30	+ 6.80	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	387.40	407.70	+ 2.60	...
Equity Fund	524.40	552.00	- 3.70	...
Property Fund	338.50	356.30	- 0.60	...
International	500.10	526.40	+ 2.40	...
Pacific Basin	314.30	330.70	- 0.70	...
United States	251.00	264.20	- 2.00	...
Gilt Fund	343.80	361.80	+ 0.50	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	756.20	800.30	+ 2.90	2.32
Deposit Fund (2)	367.00	388.40	+ 0.20	5.39
Gilt Fund	491.80	520.50	- 0.30	8.56
Global Equity Fd	245.30	259.60	+ 1.80	...
Property Fund (46)	105.00	111.20	...	6.50
AG Bond Fund	159.00	168.30	+ 0.60	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	587.90	618.90	+ 7.70	...
Fixed Interest	351.20	369.70	- 0.10	...
Index-Linked	189.30	199.30	+ 2.00	...
International	480.80	506.20	+ 4.10	...
Property	294.40	309.90	+ 0.20	...
Cash	227.90	239.90	+ 0.10	...
Managed	472.00	496.90	+ 4.20	...
Cap Gteed Bd	112.20	118.20	+ 3.00	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	179.82	189.29	+ 0.11	...
Index-Linked	155.70	163.90	+ 2.40	...
Fixed Interest	164.20	172.80	+ 1.90	...
Mixed	255.40	268.80	+ 1.80	...
UK Equity	239.70	252.30	+ 1.30	...
International	268.60	282.80	+ 1.90	...
American	247.50	260.50	+ 0.80	...
Japan	254.10	267.50	+ 0.20	...
European	263.20	277.00	+ 3.60	...
Pacific	390.30	410.80	+ 2.30	...
Technology	352.90	371.40	+ 3.90	...
Currency/Currncy	225.80	237.70	+ 2.10	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	222.50	234.10	+ 0.50	...
UK Equity	353.80	372.60	- 4.30	...
American	243.80	256.70	+ 1.70	...
Pacific	383.60	403.90	+ 3.20	...
European	487.00	512.70	+ 9.70	...
International	317.90	334.70	+ 3.40	...
Fixed Interest	223.40	235.20	- 0.40	...
Index Linked	187.50	197.50	+ 0.90	...
Deposit	192.30	202.50	+ 0.10	...
Managed	287.70	302.90	+ 2.80	...
Worldwide	125.20	131.50	+ 1.80	...
Pen Worldwide	133.60	140.80	+ 2.30	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (30)	£15.97	£16.46	+ 2.40	...
Safety Fund	225.50	237.40	+ 0.20	...
Growth Fund	230.20	242.40	+ 1.40	...
Opportunity Fd	224.90	236.80	+ 2.00	...
Cash Fund	172.90	182.10	+ 0.10	...
European Fund	353.90	372.60	+ 2.90	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	189.50	199.50	- 0.10	...
Index-Linked Fd	174.60	183.80	+ 1.00	...
International Fd	294.30	309.80	+ 2.90	...
North American	232.60	245.20	+ 1.70	...
Property Fund	132.70	139.70	...	...
UK Equity	242.50	255.30	+ 2.00	...
UK Smaller	227.50	239.50	+ 1.10	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	268.90	283.10	+ 1.60	...
Equity	278.90	293.70	+ 1.40	...
International	297.80	313.50	+ 4.50	...
Property	234.30	246.70	- 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	208.20	219.20	+ 0.10	...
Index Linked	173.20	182.40	- 2.10	...
Cash	185.40	195.20	+ 0.10	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	806.30	857.80	+ 6.60	...
Cash Fund	336.40	354.30	+ 0.10	...
Property Fund	274.40	289.20	+ 0.20	...
Equity Fund	961.00	£10.22	+12.50	...
Fxd Interest Fund	437.60	461.20	- 0.80	...
International	439.10	467.20	+ 6.90	...
High Income	708.00	750.10	+ 2.10	...
Far East	653.60	695.40	+ 7.80	...
North American	530.00	563.90	+ 5.30	...
Special Sits	642.10	683.10	+ 4.00	...
Technology	498.90	530.80	+12.30	...
Extra Income Fd	378.20	402.40	+ 2.60	...
Gilt Fund	457.40	486.70	- 1.30	...
European	156.30	166.30	+ 1.40	...
Adventurous Mg	226.10	238.10	+ 2.10	...
Secure Mgd	145.40	154.70	+ 0.60	...
Equity Inc Dist	118.50	126.90	+ 0.60	4.70
North American	111.00	117.00	+ 0.30	5.13
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	968.20	968.20	-11.90	...
Inv Pol 2	880.50	926.90	-11.30	...
Inv Pol 3	842.80	887.20	-10.80	...
Inv Cash	311.30	327.80	+ 0.20	...
Mixed Fund	456.50	480.60	+ 3.30	...
Equity Fund	534.70	562.90	+ 4.70	...
Property Fund	245.20	258.40	+ 0.20	...
International Fd	511.70	538.80	+ 4.00	...
Fixed Interest Fd	353.70	372.50	+ 0.50	...
Indexed Stock Fd	190.10	200.20	+ 1.90	...
Cash Fund	225.80	237.80	+ 0.10	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	379.50	399.40	- 4.80	...
Equity Acc	445.70	469.10	-10.90	...
International Acc	356.20	374.90	- 4.10	...
Property	233.60	245.80	+ 0.10	...
Royal Trust Mg	245.10	258.00	+ 1.00	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	266.30	280.40	+ 0.10	...
Equity	£10.08	£10.61	+16.20	...
European	175.10	184.40	+ 2.30	...
Far East	181.30	190.90	+ 0.80	...
Fixed Interest	374.60	394.40	+ 1.90	...
Index Linked	201.10	211.70	+ 2.00	...
International	638.10	671.70	+ 4.90	...
Managed	710.60	748.00	+ 8.80	...
Nth American	141.40	148.90	+ 0.70	...
Property	363.00	382.20	- 0.30	...
Pensions				
Cash	413.90	435.30	+ 0.30	...
Equity	£14.48	£15.24	+27.10	...
European	207.90	218.90	+ 3.40	...
Far East	147.30	155.10	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Interest	512.70	539.70	+ 2.30	...
Index Linked	278.50	293.60	+ 2.80	...
International	900.30	947.70	+ 9.10	...
Managed	996.70	£10.49	+14.60	...
Nth American	175.00	184.30	+ 1.40	...
Property	495.30	521.40	+ 0.40	...
Stock Exchange	224.30	236.20	+ 3.40	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	665.10	700.20	+ 6.50	...
Equity Fund	862.30	907.70	+11.90	...
Fixed Interest Fd	391.40	412.00	+ 0.90	...
Index-Linked Fd	305.00	321.10	+ 2.60	...
Property Fund	525.10	557.00	+ 0.60	...
International Fd	646.70	680.80	+ 3.10	...
N American Fd	228.80	241.90	+ 1.70	...
Far East Fund	247.80	260.90	+ 3.50	...
Deposit Fund	293.60	309.10	+ 0.20	...
International Bd	£189.55	...	- 0.42	...
Worldwide Bond	152.10	160.20	+ 1.60	...
Worldwide Fixed	80.80	85.10	...	...
Worldwide Tech	96.50	101.80	- 0.10	...
European	172.60	181.70	+ 2.00	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	661.10	696.00	+ 3.50	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	448.50	477.80	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£609.20	...	+ 0.80	...
-do- Acc	£569.10	...	+ 0.70	...
Agricultural Fd	£809.00	...	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	£777.20	...	+ 0.30	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£445.60	...	+ 0.40	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£472.10	...	+ 0.50	...
Investment Fd	£353.30	...	+ 3.30	...
Investment (A)	£339.30	...	+ 3.10	...
Equity	£12.52	...	+16.50	...
Equity Acc	£12.00	...	+15.80	...
Money Fund	£467.40	...	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	£447.20	...	+ 0.30	...
Actuarial Fd	£377.90	...	+ 4.90	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£366.10	...	+ 0.90	...
-do- Acc	£366.10	...	+ 0.90	...
Retire Annuity	£812.56	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	£329.00	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£224.00	...	+ 0.10	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£814.25	...	+14.30	...
Managed Acc	£814.70	...	- 5.20	...
Equity Account	£811.49	...	- 6.90	...
Mngd Fund Acc	375.50	395.30	- 2.50	...
Equity Fund Acc	503.30	529.80	- 3.20	...
Prop Fund Acc	259.30	272.90	+ 0.40	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	288.60	303.80	- 4.70	...
Money Fund Acc	219.00	230.50	+ 0.10	...
Indx-Lnk Sec Ac	195.40	205.70	- 0.10	...
Pers Pens Acct	£118.67	...	- 0.70	...
Pens Mngd Acct	868.30	914.00	...	...
Pens Guarantee	245.20	258.20	+ 0.50	...
Pens Equity	331.20	348.70	+ 1.20	...
Pens Property	295.70	311.20	+ 0.40	...
Pens Fixed Int	267.90	282.00	- 4.10	...
Pens Intl	252.00	265.20	- 0.50	...
Pens Money	233.10	245.40	+ 0.20	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	188.20	198.20	+ 0.40	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	912.00	960.00	+ 7.40	...
Property Acc	336.50	354.30	- 3.00	...
Equity Acc	£14.58	£15.35	+16.10	...
Fixed Int Acc	374.80	394.60	+ 1.20	...
Index-Linked Acc	192.30	202.50	+ 1.90	...
Cash Acc	306.60	322.80	+ 0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	347.90	366.30	- 1.90	...
Japan Acc	345.10	363.30	+ 5.00	...
Pacific Acc	387.50	407.90	+ 1.00	...
Far Eastern Acc	912.10	960.20	+ 6.20	...
International Acc	619.40	652.00	+ 4.20	...
Distribution Fund	279.60	294.40	+ 2.60	5.94
European	203.10	213.80	+ 2.60	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	284.50	299.50	+ 3.30	...
Property Fund	225.80	237.80	- 0.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	214.60	226.00	+ 0.70	...
Money Fund	198.40	209.00	+ 0.10	...
Equity Fund	377.50	397.50	+ 4.90	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	247.30	260.40	+ 0.10	...
Financial Ser 1	47.10	50.60	- 0.70	...
Fixed Interest	310.70	327.20	+ 0.70	...
Gold	86.00	90.60	- 0.10	...
Managed	632.30	665.70	+ 7.90	...
Mngd Growth	197.10	207.50	+ 1.10	...
Mngd Opp	209.60	220.70	+ 1.00	...
Property	328.50	345.80	+ 1.40	...
Residential Prop	99.90	105.20	+ 0.10	...
TSB American	187.00	196.90	+ 1.90	...
TSB Brit Gwth	847.20	891.90	+15.00	...
TSB European	291.10	306.50	+ 7.00	...
TSB Income	397.50	418.50	+11.90	...
TSB Intl	435.70	458.70	+ 4.20	...
TSB Intl Inc	277.30	292.00	+ 4.40	...
TSB Pacific	461.30	485.70	+ 5.70	...
TSB Prem Inc	247.70	258.90	+ 4.40	...
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 0952 292929				
Managed Bond	695.50	732.90	+ 0.90	...
Money Fund	315.20	331.80	+ 0.30	...
Equity Fund	600.60	632.90	-10.60	...
Fixed Interest	264.30	278.50	- 1.20	...
Property Fund	366.00	385.20	- 0.60	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	549.50	579.00	+11.00	...
Income	762.00	803.00	+ 8.30	...
International Gth	646.90	681.70	+23.30	...
Capital Fund	644.60	679.20	+ 4.00	...
Recovery Fund	680.00	716.30	+ 4.20	...
Japan & General	304.40	320.80	+ 1.30	...
Formerly AEtna Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.93	18.87	+ 0.01	...
Bear	19.16	20.17	+ 0.18	...
Owl	19.94	20.99	+ 0.25	...
Bull	18.11	19.06	+ 0.02	...
Stag	19.20	20.21	+ 0.35	...
Gilt Edged	17.68	18.61	- 0.01	...
Deposit	15.72	16.55	- 0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	24.23	25.51	+ 0.02	...
Bear	26.30	27.68	+ 0.23	...
Owl	27.24	28.67	+ 0.34	...
Bull	23.13	24.35	+ 0.02	...
Stag	23.94	25.20	+ 0.43	...
Gilt Edged	22.94	23.24	...	...
Deposit	20.22	21.28	+ 0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	584.77	...	+ 0.57	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	338.72	356.55	- 1.38	...
N Amer Equity	277.24	291.83	- 0.57	...
Far East Equity	432.60	455.37	+11.57	...
Fixed	278.03	292.66	- 0.05	...
Cash Deposit	203.37	214.07	+ 0.13	...
Property	155.59	164.20	- 0.02	...
Special Opp	367.51	386.85	- 4.51	...
Managed	309.51	325.80	+ 0.29	...
Index-Linked Fd	184.28	193.48	+ 1.57	...

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Hold onto your keys

You cannot walk away from negative equity, says Karen Murray

Lenders and insurance companies are warning borrowers in difficulty with their mortgages that they cannot hope to hand in their keys and walk away from the debts without facing the possibility of being pursued for repayment.

The warnings come in response to claims from Union Finance (Essex), based in Southend-on-Sea, that it can offer a solution to some mortgage problems. It is telling borrowers that it has found a loophole in the wording of certain types of mortgage indemnity insurance policies. A borrower taking a mortgage for more than 75 per cent of a property's value has to pay for this insurance, which pays out to the lender if the property is repossessed and sold for less than the borrower's mortgage.

Union Finance says the wording on some mortgage policies could be interpreted as covering borrowers. Peter Walker, director of Union Finance, said on GMTV *News Hour* this week: "Whose policy is it? . . . The lenders say it's theirs. The wording of the policies says it is the borrower's policy but the lender has accepted the indemnity."

Union Finance has promised in newspaper advertisements that for £300 — refundable if nothing can be done — it will release people from negative equity "without transferring it [negative equity] to another property or the need for further debt, eg expensive unsecured loans". Attempts by *The Times* to contact the company were unsuccessful. The switchboard appeared to be jammed.

The Building Societies Association said borrowers taking Union Finance's advice could find themselves worse off in the long term. Mortgage indemnity cover is an agreement between the insurance company and the lender, not the borrower, the BSA said.

A ruling made in Northampton County Court in June appears to support this. Judge Charles Harris ruled that a Household Mortgage Corporation borrower was not entitled to benefit from mortgage indemnity insurance taken out by the borrower to cover HMC. Judge Harris said: "It would be unfair to the insurer if he did have [this right], for he could fail to keep up payments, have the property sold and then rely on the insurance proceeds to cut down or extinguish his liability."

The Association of British Insurers said insurers could pursue the borrower for the debt after paying out to a lender.

People who hand in their keys in the belief that their debts will be written off will be placed on a possessions register and may be unable to obtain mortgages or other credit in the future, Adrian Coles, the BSA's director-general, said.

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Gross rate	at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.33	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	4.13	3.09	2.48	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	4.56	3.42	2.74	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.43	2.57	2.06	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Branch
"	4.68	3.51	2.81	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Branch
Midland	4.13	3.09	2.48	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
"	4.69	3.52	2.81	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	4.25	3.19	2.55	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
"	4.63	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	2.62	2.66	2.13	2,500£	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.51	1.51	1.21	1,000£	none	051 2546236
Co-operative Current Acct	0.19	0.19	0.15	none	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.56	3.62	2.90	1,000£	none	0800 555884
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	500£	none	0272 233372
Midland HICA	1.12	1.12	0.90	2,000£	none	0742 528655
Abbey National HICA	0.75	0.75	0.60	1,000£	none	Local Branch
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.13	1.13	0.90	2,000£	none	031 556 8555
TSB Bank Intrst Cheque Acct	0.75	0.75	0.60	2,000£	none	071-600 6020
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	1.00	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Nationwide	6.30	4.73	3.78	25,000 min	Postal	——
Birming Midshires	6.75	5.06	4.05	100,000 min	Postal	——
Bradford & Bingley	6.75	5.06	4.05	25,000 min	30 day	——
Asset (Bris&West)	6.85	5.14	4.11	50,000 min	90 day	——
Alliance & Leics.	7.20	5.40	4.32	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Nottingham	6.50	4.88	3.90	25,000 min	Instnt	——
Bradford & Bingley	6.50	4.88	3.90	10,000 min	30 day	——
Northern Rock	6.95	5.21	4.17	50,000 min	60 day	——
National Counties	7.15	5.36	4.29	50,000 min	90 day	——
Universal	7.30	5.48	4.38	50,000 min	1 year	——

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c*	3.25	2.44	1.95	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-496	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	6.50	4.88	3.90	2,000-24,000	3 mth	0253 768151
7th Index Linkd†	3.00	3.00	3.00	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4900
41st Issue Cert*	5.40	4.05	3.24	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.40	5.40	5.40	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.35	7.35	7.35	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Ratet	3.51	3.51	3.51			
Capital Bond*	7.25	5.44	4.35	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond*	4.50	4.50	3.60	1,000-250,000		

GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
AIG Life	5.15	5.15	4.38	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
General Portfolio	6.10	6.10	5.19	50,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Laurentian Life	6.80	6.80	5.78	50,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Premium Life	7.40	7.40	6.29	1,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5768
Premium Life	7.50	7.50	6.38	1,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		**HOLIDAY RATES**	£ buys
RPI (June 93-94)	+2.5%	Spanish Pesetas:	193.50
Bank Base Rate	5.25%	French Francs:	7.95
Personal Loan	28%	Greek Drachmas:	352.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2380.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investmt	Telephone number
Market Harbor.	7.50	£3,225.00	90 day loss,notice	£9,000	0858 463244
Hinckley & Rgy.	7.35	£3,220.50	90 day loss	£9,000	0455 251234
Holmesdale	7.15	£3,214.50	60 day loss	£1	0737 245716
National Count.	7.05	£3,211.50	90 day loss	£2,000	0372 742211
Bristol & West	7.00	£3,210.00	—	£3,000	0800 303330

† 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less ‡ Additional holdings up to £20,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable fixed gross ◊Higher rates for larger sums. ‡Guaranteed over the rate of inflation. ◆0.3% net bonus for amounts £50,000+

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FIRST-TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Scarborough 0723 368115	1.84%	£25k-£150k	95	After 6% discount for 6 months
Nat & Provincial 0800 808080	1.85%	neg	75	Rate fixed to 1.8.95
Britannia 0538 399399	2.49%	to £100k	90	After 5.26% discount to 1.7.95
BANKS				
Bank of Ireland 0734 393393	3.60%	£30k-£80k	95	After 4% discount to 1.8.95
OTHER (BANKS)				
Barclays 0800 400121	3.99%	neg	95	After 3.75% discount for 1 year

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WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS



Smug self-satisfaction at C&G

From Mr Michael White

Sir, Like many other readers I am incensed with regard to the current situation concerning the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society.

I moved my mortgage from Lloyds to C&G because I found Lloyds uncompetitive and unhelpful. My further discomfiture with Lloyds arose through subsequent dealings with their financial services section, which left me profoundly disappointed and disillusioned.

In the current débâcle, I have found C&G less than forthcoming, stating for legal reasons it cannot comment. The only real exception was to say that if I chose to move my mortgage again, I would have to pay a penalty of over £10,000 as I am on a fixed-rate mortgage.

I am in a dilemma not of my own making that appears to be met by a wall of smug self-satisfaction. I will certainly join any pressure group to fight back.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WHITE,
Four Seasons, Chilland Lane,
Martyr Worthy, Winchester.

SFIA pays value of surrendered policies

From the Managing Director of the School Fees Insurance Agency

Sir, I read your article concerning financial provision for further education ("Save by Degrees", Weekend Money, August 13) with great interest and then growing concern, fearing that it might unsettle parents investing through our educational trust. We cannot imagine any circumstances under which their money may be forfeit.

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Yours sincerely,
ANNE FEEK,
Managing Director, SFIA,
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Rights of investors and borrowers

From Mr Richard Palmer

Sir, I respect Anthony Verdin's right as a borrowing member to vote on the proposed takeover of C&G whichever way he thinks fit (Weekend Money Letters, August 6). However, I would challenge his logic. He is not alone among borrowers in assuming that because they have a separate vote, they are mutual owners of the society. Investing members holding shares are the owners, who may sell with the permission of borrowing members.

May I remind him that the original offer was found by legal judgment to be unlawful. No doubt a way round may be possible, perhaps by Lloyds Bank offering to reduce mortgage rates for a limited period.

Yours sincerely,
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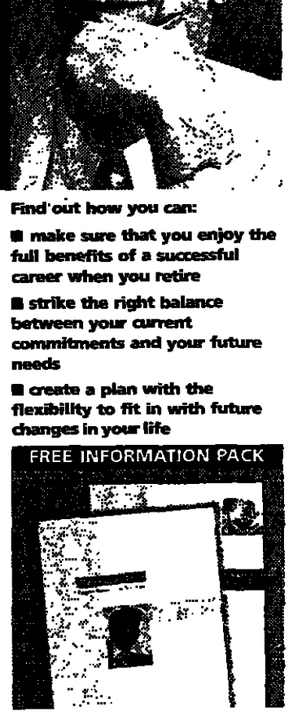
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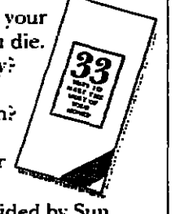
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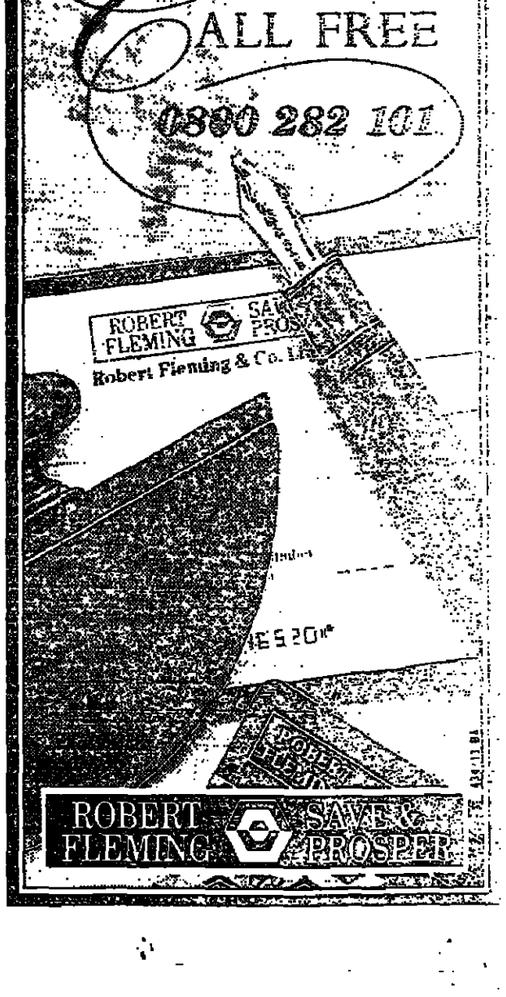
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Japanese Inc 70.35 74.85 + 0.40 ..
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Europe Inc 359.70 383.60 + 3.10 0.41
Nth Amer Inc 210.00 224.00 + 1.90 0.28
Global Inc 215.20 229.50 + 0.90 0.39
UK Spec Sits Inc 102.00 108.70 + 0.10 2.94
South East Asia 249.50 266.00 - 2.90 0.46
Cash Trust Inc 100.70 100.70 ... 4.46
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Intl Bond & Conv 124.50 131.10 - 0.10 4.73
Pooled Pension (E) 189.30 201.50 - 1.70 2.05
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Far Eastern 185.20 196.00 + 3.40 ...
Growth 140.60 148.80 + 1.10 1.04
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Thoroughbred 162.30 174.40† + 1.00 1.00

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Income 55.78 59.49 + 0.60 6.00
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Managed 83.06 88.60† + 1.27 3.40
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-do- High Inc Acc 45.49 48.34 + 0.31 3.63
UK Equity Gen Acc 62.33 66.23 + 0.94 2.21
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European 559.00 595.30 + 8.80 0.88
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Mngd Equity 177.50 187.80† + 2.70 1.35
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Equity 823.10 880.30 + 6.20 2.96
North America 121.70 130.20 + 1.00 0.92
Far East 163.70 175.10 + 4.40 ...
Wwide Bond 56.81 60.31 + 0.61 5.52
European 107.90 115.40 + 2.40 0.33
Equity Income 92.25 98.66 + 1.24 4.24
Portfolio 86.96 93.01 + 1.37 0.95
UK Leading Cos 59.72 63.53 + 1.28 3.47
Broker Trusts
Intnl Equity 71.43 76.40† + 0.67 ...

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American Growth 34.22 36.60 + 0.23 0.44
Managed Assets 127.95 136.85† + 1.92 2.86
UK Income 40.60 43.43 + 0.67 3.41
UK Growth 39.82 42.59 + 0.71 2.68
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101. Cannon St. London EC4N 5AD
Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010
Discretionary 51.58 54.87 + 0.39 0.15
Cap Protector Inc 43.33 46.34 + 0.85 2.92
UK Income Inc 51.33 54.90† + 0.53 3.43
Mngd Extra Inc Inc 32.73 35.01† + 0.24 3.86
Mngd High Yld Inc 79.78 85.33† + 0.76 4.34
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc 75.78 81.05 + 0.75 3.30
Mngd Wwide Gth 38.03 40.67 + 0.10 ...
UK Smaller Cos 35.34 37.80 + 0.18 1.58
Pacific Grth Port 49.99 53.47 + 0.36 ...

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Charlton Pl. Andover. Hants SP10 1RE
0264 346 794
American 201.57 214.43† + 2.03 ...
Brit Growth 97.21 103.42 + 1.75 2.00
European 114.68 122.00† + 2.77 0.09
Extra Income 198.32 210.98† + 1.15 4.05
Smaller Cos 73.67 78.37 + 0.05 1.27
General 287.65 306.01† + 6.58 2.25
Premier Income 49.40 51.46† + 0.92 6.28
Income 347.99 370.20 +10.84 3.54
Pacific 461.20 490.64 + 5.72 ...
International 568.56 604.85 + 7.21 0.12
Nat Resources 170.37 181.25 - 3.67 0.04
Sical Opps 109.91 116.93 + 3.61 1.20
Environmental Inv 63.54 67.59 - 0.35 2.04
Selector 65.37 69.54 + 0.84 2.10
High Income 65.33 69.50 + 1.03 4.36
Intl Income 58.39 62.01 + 0.93 4.85
Selector Income 61.98 65.94 + 0.66 4.85

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NLA Tower. Addiscombe Road. Croydon
081 667 1018
British 332.20 349.60 + 4.60 2.63

TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Saltire Court. 20 Castle Terrace.
Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000
Glob Growth Inc 203.51 217.66† - 1.80 1.57
Glob Balncd Inc 173.31 185.35 + 1.26 3.95
Value Tst Inc 123.57 132.16 + 0.49 1.38

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Queen Street. London EC4R 1AX
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001
Amer Smllr Cos 62.06 66.19 - 0.08 ...
Dresdner Eur Bd 39.04 41.03† - 0.85 6.30
European Growth 280.32 297.82 + 5.66 0.90
Exempt 528.19 552.22† + 6.49 3.50
Global Em Mkts 113.13 120.87 + 4.47 0.60
Iberian Growth 46.77 49.88 - 0.17 ...
Japan Tst 95.05 101.22 + 1.19 ...
Little Dragons 98.93 105.52 + 1.07 ...
Nth Amer Gwth 220.06 234.50† + 2.81 0.70
Oriental Income 50.79 54.17 + 0.45 4.60
Preference 125.57 134.29 + 5.80 8.10
Tiger 301.24 321.32 + 5.42 ...
UK Blue Chip 62.49 66.69 + 1.28 3.00
UK Growth 513.57 549.27† + 5.34 2.20
UK High Yield 106.33 113.72† + 1.72 3.40
UK Mid-Cap 265.77 284.24 + 2.19 1.90
UK Smllr Cos 103.40 110.58 + 0.80 1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div 99.09 105.97† + 0.78 4.60

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq. Edinburgh 031 225 1551
Australasian Gold 30.48 32.42 - 0.14 ...
Pacific Basin 43.43 46.20 - 0.11 ...
Can Balncd Gwth 27.29 29.03 - 0.11 ...
Global Bond (US$) 0.87 0.91 + 0.00 5.77
Penny Share 32.78 34.87 + 0.59 0.30

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
2 Honey Lane. London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0402
Challenger 90.50 92.60 + 0.55 ...
Short Dtd Gilt 107.40 108.80 + 0.40 ...
US Govt Bd (US$) 0.73 0.74 + 0.00 ...
Gilt Income 48.71 50.69 + 0.30 7.25
Gilt Growth 66.77 69.50 + 0.44 ...
City Reserve 52.81 52.82 + 0.03 4.50

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
2 White Oak Square. Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000
Stockmarket Fd 79.47 84.53 + 0.90 1.83

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Modest gains in thin trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	381	Abbey Ntl	396 †	...	...	4.9	13.3
314	234	Allied Irish	280 †	-5	...	5.3	9.2
278½	179½	Aus New Z	198	...	...	4.8	20.6
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	3062½	-25	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	263	-7	...	5.0	7.6
247	172½	Bank Scotland	196	...	...	3.2	16.0
640	487	Barclays	564 †	+5½	...	3.7	17.4
37	13½	Carlisle	29½	...	...	1.1	...
630½	449	Cater Allen	573	+2	...	6.7	∞
180	130	Cattles	153	-½	...	4.1	15.7
2628½	1543½	Chase Manh	2356½	-3½	...	...	...
2812½	2262½	Citicorp	2781½	-18½	...	...	...
285½	209	Close Bros	243	...	...	3.3	13.2
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£135½	-240½	...	6.2	...
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£295½	-81½	...	2.3	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	69½	+½	...	2.2	...
1589½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1505½	-17	...	0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	478	...	22.0	5.8	13.8
1113	660	HSBC	720	-3	...	4.3	10.3
1133	680	HSBC HK	730	-1	...	4.2	10.6
473	256	Hambros	314 †	...	...	6.0	12.9
443	400	Joseph (L)	405 †	...	...	5.4	11.8
170	131	King Shaxson	131	...	...	8.6	12.9
603	424	Kleinwort Ben	511 †	-2	...	4.7	9.0
660	519	Lloyds	550 †	-1	...	5.2	10.8
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	113	...	...	3.9	17.2
620½	489½	Nat Aust Bk	528	...	...	5.3	11.0
622	421	Nat West	477 †	+2	...	5.1	8.9
573	415	Provident	508	-1	...	3.9	16.2
79	53	Rea Bros	66	...	...	1.8	16.9
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	406	+4	...	3.7	18.3
1460	1050	Schroders	1410	+17	...	1.5	12.9
359½	223	Stand Chart	254	+1	...	3.2	8.6
291	197	TSB	213 †	+2	...	4.7	10.7
199	108	Union	112	-1	...	5.1	10.2
1012	676	Warburg SG	758	...	...	3.6	9.2
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	£102½	-93½	...	2.6	...
260	194	Westpac	209	-4	...	2.6	∞
390	293	Winstrust	293	...	...	4.5	∞

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied-Lyons	604	+3	...	4.6	14.7
619	485	Bass	575	+9	...	4.6	15.0
298	250	Boddington	285	+2	...	3.5	15.9
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	404 †	...	...	3.3	23.3
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	190 †	...	...	3.3	15.9
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'▲	154	+2	...	3.0	21.4
66	40½	Fosters Brewing	53	...	...	5.4	61.7
493	416	Fulls Sm 'A'▲	419 †	+3	...	2.3	17.3
506	375	Grand Met	442 †	+4	...	3.8	19.2
511	399	Greenalls Grp	453	...	...	3.5	17.4
584	452	Greene King	504 †	+3	...	3.2	14.0
542	428	Guinness	478	+5	...	3.3	15.5
262	239	Hardy Hansn	262	+3	...	4.2	13.4
160	135	Heavitree▲	150	...	...	3.4	13.5
457	353	Highland Distl	418	...	...	2.0	19.8
3620	3125	Holt J	3620	...	...	1.2	20.4
180	127	Macallan-Glen	180	...	...	0.8	49.7
628	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	628	...	...	1.9	25.8
246	195	Mansfield	235	...	...	2.3	∞
302	256	Marston Thmp	292	...	...	2.6	15.1
630	544	Matthew Clark	630 †	+4	...	3.6	∞
250	113	Mrrydwn W	122 †	...	...	2.6	...
545	463	Morland	503	+3	...	2.5	16.8
10½	8½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.2	15.7
267	209	Regent Inns	246	+2	...	2.0	25.0
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1253½	...	...	2.2	20.4
591	493	Scot & New	547 †	+2	...	3.9	16.2
190	142	Taunton Cider	175 †	+1	...	4.7	13.4
306	229	Vaux Group	254	+1	...	4.7	16.4
403½	324½	Wetherspoon JD	389	...	...	1.9	25.7
617	494	Whitbread	576	+3	...	4.1	16.7
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	544	...	...	3.0	15.3
180	148	Yates Bros	169	+1	...	2.2	20.9
535	483	Young 'A'	503	...	...	3.7	19.3

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	160 †	...	...	1.6	∞
27	12	Albrighton	17 †	+5	...	3.7	16.3
200	148	Allen▲	157	...	...	4.2	18.6
164	99	Amec	112	-2	...	3.3	53.9
454	333	Ashtead▲	412 †	...	...	1.7	∞
165	109	Attwoods	114	...	...	5.5	...
363	274	BPB Ind	334 †	-1	...	3.0	22.6
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	135	...	...	2.9	25.5
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	...	...	2.6	20.8
88	18½	Barcom	25	...	...	8.8	3.0
60	38½	Bardon	43	...	...	5.8	...
292	183	Barratt Devs	184	+1	...	3.4	19.8
169	139	Beazer Homes	144	-1	...	4.3	12.6
304	198	Bellway	214	...	...	3.6	20.1
59	42	Bellwinch	42	...	...	...	...
244	125	Berisford Intl	201	-5	...	...	...
573	391	Berkeley Gp	424 †	-1	...	2.1	17.6
215	118	Best Bros	175	...	...	2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	72	...	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	302	-5	...	4.7	25.4
355	277	Boot (Henry)	285	...	...	2.9	14.5
81	35	Brandon Hire	81	+1	...	2.4	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	94	+2	...	6.1	26.9
154	130	Br Dredging	146	...	...	4.8	18.7
98	78	Brit Fittings	87	...	2.0	2.9	∞
197½	140	Bryant	145	...	...	4.1	22.1
145½	111½	CALA	123	...	...	2.6	...
409	321	CRH	367	-4	...	2.6	18.6
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	24	Costain	27½	...	...	...	...
185	143	Countryside	149 †	-1	...	3.4	33.1
120	85	Crest Nicholson	87 †	-1	...	2.3	16.1
140	100	Cussins	121	...	...	3.1	14.6
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	24	-½	...	1.6	...
350	273	Epwin	335	+1	...	3.0	19.7
82	57	Erith	70	...	...	1.8	39.4
473	345	Eve Group▲	345 †	-3	...	4.0	∞
60	36	Galliford	36	...	...	3.5	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	94	...	2.5	3.3	...
1028	863	Gleeson (MJ)	863	...	...	1.8	15.1
218	182	Graham Grp	190	-2	...	3.0	18.2
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	160	...	...	2.3	23.6
82	46	Hewetson	75	...	...	2.1	...
473	334	Heywd Wlm	368	...	...	4.4	24.5
144	93	Higgs & Hill	94	+1	...	3.3	...
41	27	How Gp	38	...	...	2.5	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	26 †	...	...	3.8	∞
102	67	Ibstock	76	...	...	1.6	∞
8½	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	139	...	...	3.6	15.0
428	261	Laing (J)	299	...	...	3.8	21.3
151	104	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	116	-½	...	6.9	...
145	115	Ln Clydeside▲	127	...	...	4.7	17.6
173	78	Lovell (YJ)	78	...	...	...	...
405	332	Manders	357	-1	...	3.5	18.8
217½	138½	Marley	155	-3	...	3.4	25.4
155	126	Marshalls	136 †	-3	...	3.9	16.6
253	196	Maunders (J)	245	...	...	2.7	23.6
321	194	McAlpine (A)	206	+1	...	3.6	30.2
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	64	...	...	1.0	...
569	364	Meyer Int	420 †	-4	...	3.2	17.7
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	108	+2	...	2.5	...
202½	96	NSM	108	...	...	...	12.4
196	146	Newman Tnks	175	...	...	4.4	23.5
379½	229	Persimmon	249	-1	...	4.5	22.3
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1550	...	20.0	2.4	22.0
198	131	Prowting	132	...	...	3.2	40.6
1079	805	RMC Gp	968	...	...	2.7	27.4
116	68	Raine Ind	72	+1	...	3.5	15.6
40	23	Ramus▲	25	...	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	524	-1	...	6.0	27.5
108	70	Roskel	95	...	4.3	5.7	...
185½	125	Rugby Group	145	-1	...	2.9	19.6
61	53	Secure Retire	55	...	...	...	...
64	50	Svrild-Rve▲	64	...	0.5	2.0	∞
195	155	Sharpe & Fisher	190	...	...	2.8	20.8
288	222	Sheffield Insl	269	...	...	2.5	21.6
342	233	Sherif Hldgs▲	341 †	...	...	1.6	22.7
157	94	Shorco▲	151	...	5.2	4.3	27.3
245	196	Smart (J)	220	...	...	4.8	19.0
5	1½	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
206	135	Tarmac	147	...	...	4.7	...
257	154	Tay Homes	179	...	...	4.2	19.2
183	121	Taylor Woodrw	141	+3	...	1.3	34.4
760	598	Tilbury Dougls	599	...	...	6.9	62.9
60	36	Torex Hire▲	56 †	...	...	2.0	28.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	315	-3	...	3.2	29.5
29½	16	Trencherwood	18	...	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	29	...	...	2.2	...
28	21	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.2	...
113	90	Vibroplant	105	+2	...	4.4	∞
170	127½	Walnhomes	142	...	...	3.7	15.3
74	50	Ward Hldgs	69	...	...	0.9	...
63	33	Warehouse	56	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	518	...	...	2.9	22.3
225½	154	Westbury	161	-1	...	4.1	18.0
7	3½	Wiggins	6	...	...	...	...
571	397	Wilson Bowdn	398	-2	...	2.9	15.0
259	185	Wilson (C)	209	-1	...	2.5	20.4
349	151	Wimpey G	156	+4	...	4.2	23.3
30	16	YRM	24	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	685	-20	...	...	...
465	253	Adams & Harvey	463 †	+8	...	4.0	∞
83	58	Air London▲	63	...	...	6.9	13.8
62	44	African Lakes	53	...	...	1.2	...
140	92½	Auto Sec	94	-1	...	...	12.2
162	101½	BET Ord	119	-1	...	3.4	19.8
195	115	BNB Res	175	...	...	3.5	20.4
256	175	BPP	228	...	...	4.9	16.4
186	151	BSM	152	...	...	4.8	12.9
235	198	Barbour Index	203	...	...	5.4	∞
1½	1	Black & Edg▲	1½	...	...	...	...
226	161	Brit Data Mgt	168	-2	4.9	3.6	12.2
31	22	Broadcastle▲	27	+1	...	4.6	12.0
79	58	Brooks Service	70	+1	...	2.7	...
117½	90	CRT Gp	90 †	-3	...	4.6	∞
238	158	Capita Group	163 †	...	...	2.1	20.8
59	30	Carlton Plc	34 †	-½	...	4.0	11.6
26½	7½	Chiltern Capital	26½	...	...	...	...
85	56	Christie	61	...	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	342 †	+1	...	2.3	21.0
61	41	Corp Services	58	+1	...	0.5	21.8
97	81	Coutts Cnslg	89	...	...	...	...
179	140	Dart	152 †	...	...	3.0	16.2
276	212	Davis Service	234	...	...	4.3	16.5
154	119	EW Facs▲	121	...	...	4.9	9.1
34	18½	Gardiner	18½	...	...	5.1	8.8
334	261	Hays	300	-1	...	2.3	23.2
289	220	Hogg Robinson	248	...	...	3.6	17.3
39	18	Holmes Protectn	28	...	...	...	1.7
365½	240	Hutch Whamp	305½	-3½	...	1.9	21.4
2696½	1493½	ISS B DKr	2012½	+9½	...	5.3	2.1
609	428	Inchcape	477	-9	...	3.9	15.2
165	156	JBA Hldgs	156	...	...	1.9	15.9
414	280	Johnson Clean	280	-3	...	4.9	11.2
8	4	Lep	4½	...	...	...	...
375	283	Mitie Gp	340	+2	...	1.7	∞
1609½	1156½	Manpower	1609½	+28½	...	0.8	...
87½	65	Michael Page	87½	...	...	3.0	21.5
132	90	Parity	110	...	...	1.7	28.3
115	85	Penna▲	85	...	...	5.9	...
89½	60½	Proudfoot	67	...	...	6.5	16.6
415	310	RCO	310	...	...	6.2	10.6
123	97	REA	120 †	...	...	8.2	45.8
154	104	Reed Executive	154	+4	1.0	0.8	...
131	105	Reliance Sec▲	130	...	...	4.6	∞
270	199½	Rentokil	235	-2	...	1.5	26.2
192	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	192 †	+2	...	2.6	23.9
302	243	Salvesen (C)	280	...	...	3.6	14.6
61	43	Scott Pickford▲	55 †	-1	...	2.0	∞
17½	9	Select Appo▲	13½	-½	...	...	...
307	242	Serco Gp	284	...	...	1.5	25.9
130	75	Shered Cmps▲	124	...	...	1.8	...
130	100	Sketchley	103	...	...	3.9	16.1
338	325	Warner Howrd	329	...	...	2.8	15.6
30½	20½	Wills Gp	21	...	...	2.5	14.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
156½	115½	Allied Colloids	155 ‡	+3	...	1.9	24.9
1141	910	Amersham	1033	-2	...	1.9	21.4
3½	2½	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
£137½	£106½	BASF DM	£137½	+31½	...	7.0	...
373	287	BTP	318 †	...	...	3.9	20.1
£159½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£154½	+34½	...	6.0	...
171	97	Blagden	126	...	...	1.5	58.9
131	95	Brent Chems	127	...	...	3.9	...
460	311½	Brit Biotech	390	...	...	...	...
13	9½	Caird Gp	7½	...	...	...	20.8
199	153	Canning (W)	195	-1	...	4.7	33.0
580	467	Courtaulds	539	...	...	3.4	43.5
384	327	Croda	383	...	...	2.7	19.5
133	95	Doeflex	122	+6	...	3.4	12.0
282	225	Ellis & Everard	278 †	+3	...	3.4	20.6
58	39½	Euro Colour	56	...	...	2.6	20.0
365	337	Halstead (J)	365	...	...	2.3	17.1
223	160	Hickson	178	...	...	3.7	15.7
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£149½	-34½	...	5.1	...
250	153½	Holliday Chem	239 †	...	...	2.3	19.5
868	728	ICI	832 †	+12	...	4.1	67.2
843	704	Laporte	799	-1	...	3.2	21.7
248	190	Leigh	225 †	...	...	4.3	20.6
79	48	MTM	79	+1	...	...	...
2490½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2421½	-12½	...	1.4	∞
625	461	Pasmn Zoch	498	...	...	3.2	13.1
595	416	-do- 'A'	482	...	...	3.3	12.7
250	188	Plysu	189	...	...	4.6	27.0
349	265	Porvair	313	...	...	1.7	23.5
66	44	Sutcliffe Speak	48	...	...	1.3	28.2
400	361	Wardle Storeys	393	+3	...	5.5	30.6
738	570	Wolstnhlme R	728	...	...	3.0	18.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	441 †	+4	...	2.3	19.0
338	258	Yule Catto	331	+3	...	2.4	25.2
869	672	Zeneca	851	+7	...	4.1	16.0

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Alldays	232 †	...	...	3.3	17.3
410	330	Argos Plc	364	...	...	2.9	19.0
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	70	-1	...	0.2	...
357	300	Asprey	314	...	...	2.4	15.5
231	176	Austin Reed	231	...	...	3.0	12.0
168	139	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	...	5.5	15.2
150	110	Bentalls	125	...	...	2.0	47.1
165	73	Bestware	83	...	...	3.9	9.0
48	38	Blacks Leis	45	...	...	6.5	∞
264	214	Body Shop	236	-6	...	1.1	22.2
601	504	Boots	547	+8	...	3.4	21.6
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½	...	...	...	...
265½	210	Brown (N)	244	...	...	2.0	22.4
74½	51	Burton	61	...	...	4.1	...
245	180	Cantors	193	+1	...	2.6	26.9
173	165	Chamb. Phipps	170	-1	...	5.6	22.3
530	388	Church	483	...	...	3.4	27.7
171	96	Clinton Cards	97	...	...	6.1	8.4
287	200	Coats Viyella	227	-1	...	4.4	19.8
170	145	C'try Casuals	146	-1	...	3.7	14.9
903	740	Courts Furnish	771	...	...	1.0	39.0
210	155	Crown Eyes	165 †	...	...	7.2	∞
137	83½	Dairy Farm Intl	96½	-½	...	3.8	13.2
136½	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	135	...	...	1.3	24.5
287	170	Dixons Grp	206 †	+1	...	4.0	21.9
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	7½	...	...	3.1	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.7	∞
284	191	Essex Furn	194	-2	...	2.4	31.0
315	217	Etam	315	+1	...	3.0	22.3
558	494	Fine Art Dev	509	+5	14.3	3.5	15.8
50	46	Fired Earth	48	...	...	...	...
725	680	Forminster	723 †	...	...	2.8	∞
215	124	French Conn▲	215	+4	...	...	12.1
73	48	Gem SR	62	...	...	4.5	19.3
120	85	Goldsmiths Gp	120 †	+2	...	1.1	21.5
653	549½	GUS	581	+4	...	2.8	16.8
196	164	Hamleys	185	...	...	3.2	17.8
31	21	Hampden Grp▲	23	...	...	5.4	...
70½	13½	Hartstone	15½	+½	...	2.6	...
91	64	Honeysuckle▲	65	...	...	4.8	9.5
218	178	Hse of Fraser	213	...	...	2.9	19.6
211	173	Jacques Vert	192	+6	...	3.0	16.7
778	477	Kingfisher	529	+1	...	3.5	13.0
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	68 †	...	...	7.4	14.3
435	350	Liberty	398	...	...	1.5	48.0
380	277	Lloyds Chem	304	-8	...	3.3	10.1
184	137	MFI	144	-3	...	3.5	18.3
460½	380	Marks Spencer	435	+1	...	2.6	20.2
680	554	Menzies (John)	590	+2	...	3.5	14.3
343	238	Moss Bros	326	...	...	2.7	15.9
273	214	Next	273	+2	...	2.5	20.3
72	39	Oliver (G)	72	...	...	...	77.5
335	255	Oriflame Intl	284	...	...	4.7	∞
37	22½	Peroni	22½	...	...	...	...
228	169	QS Hldgs	170	...	...	3.8	20.0
62	25	Ratno Grp▲	31	...	...	2.0	11.2
209	157	Rosebys	158	...	...	3.8	17.7
180	113	Sherwood Gp	116	...	...	3.1	11.5
132	110	Sears	118½	-1	...	3.9	20.2
46	27½	Signet Group	30	...	...	...	15.2
549	450	Smith WH	479	...	...	3.9	15.4
21	11	Specialeyes▲	12	...	...	...	...
252	205	Storehouse	216	-2	...	3.2	19.2
198	146	T & S Stores	192	-1	...	4.0	14.3
173	124	Tie Rack	142	...	...	1.5	16.9
265	215	Time Products	238	...	...	4.5	18.4
132	105	Usher (Frank)▲	105	...	6.0	7.1	11.4
508	384	Vendome	508 †	+1	...	1.4	∞
44	34	Vivat	38	...	...	4.1	9.9
70	34	WEW Group	36	...	...	2.1	26.5
82	42	Wensum▲	62	+1	...	3.0	28.9
129	91	Wickes	94	...	...	1.7	21.0
97	54	Wld of Leather▲	89	...	...	...	...
195	138	Wyevale	146	...	...	3.8	15.5

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	109	ACT Group	127	...	...	5.2	11.9
296	249	Acal▲	276	...	...	3.1	17.3
645	478	Admiral	645	...	...	1.3	19.7
193	163	Alba	193	...	...	3.3	15.6
45	34	Alphameric	45	+2	...	...	34.3
50	26	Amstrad	33	...	...	1.9	...
110	73	App Holo▲	110	...	...	...	...
39	24	Arlen	30	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	90½	...	...	1.0	22.5
281	176	Azlan	185 †	+6	...	2.0	∞
283	239	Beales Hunter	259	...	...	4.6	∞
478	378	BICC	400	+1	...	6.1	24.8
535	411	Blick	440 †	...	...	3.0	17.7
1100	637½	Borland▲	900	+25	...	...	...
380	305½	Bowthorpe	333	-1	...	2.6	18.6
486	353½	BT	385 †	+1½	...	5.4	13.4
367	230½	BT P/P	265½	+1½	...	5.4	13.4
28	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	...	...	1.6	14.2
79	35	Burnfield	70	...	...	4.5	54.4
543	394	Cable Wireless	467½	+11½	...	2.2	19.9
35½	24	Chloride	30	...	...	...	...
283	263	CML Micro▲	268	...	...	2.8	∞
182	105	Comptr People	181	...	...	1.0	41.2
202	154	Cray Elect	187 †	...	...	1.5	∞
467	412	Critchley	463	...	...	2.2	20.7
586	473	Delta	531	+2	...	3.4	23.6
663	446	Denmans El▲	584	...	...	1.4	16.3
560	400	Domino	551	-8	...	1.9	23.7
79	68	Dowding Mills	75	...	...	4.2	25.2
1635	1220	Druck▲	1493 †	...	...	0.9	∞
589	463	Electrocompnts	486 †	-2	...	2.4	21.6
199½	135	El Data Prc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	139	Electron House	165	...	...	2.5	∞
38	21	Emess	38	+2	...	0.3	...
451	343	Eurotherm	385 †	+1	...	1.6	22.8
212	162½	FKI	178 †	-1	...	2.6	21.7
650	512	Farnell Elec	540	...	...	1.7	22.1
359	286	First Tech	339	...	...	1.3	∞
283	200	Forward Gp▲	215	...	...	2.9	12.9
50	14½	Forward Tech	46	-½	...	0.7	...
333½	269½	GEC	302 †	-1	...	4.5	15.2
191	119	Graseby	150	+1	...	5.5	13.9
34½	20	Graystone	34	...	...	0.9	...
163	126	Ind Control	135	+1	...	4.2	12.0
388	269	Jones Stroud	319 †	...	...	3.6	∞
145	99	Kalamazoo	142 †	...	...	2.9	∞
16	9	Kembrey	16 †	...	0.1	1.2	∞
396	335	Kenwood App	374 †	...	...	3.0	17.9
298	221	Kewill Sys▲	268 †	...	...	2.3	∞
165	38	Kode	45	+7	...	11.1	6.4
35	19	Laser-Scan▲	22	...	...	...	...
149½	68	LDMS▲	94	...	...	...	...
365	255	Lec Refrig	355	...	...	3.2	...
171	107	Life Sciences	142	...	...	3.4	14.9
314	266	Logica	286	...	...	1.8	33.0
52	45	LPA Ind▲	46	...	...	4.3	...
216	135	MR Data Mngmt	137	-2	...	5.1	15.3
723	550	Macro 4	550	-3	...	4.4	16.5
281	210	Memtier-Sw▲	242 †	...	...	2.1	∞
1320	795	Micro Focus	870	-15	...	...	8.3
178	126	Microgen	130 †	...	...	7.0	13.0
45	31	Microvitec▲	41	-½	...	...	...
548½	432	Misys	434 †	...	...	2.3	∞
494	185	Mitel	241	-2	...	...	...
198	143	MMT Comp▲	177	...	...	3.0	18.1
355	250	MTL Inst▲	311	...	...	1.6	20.1
148	114	Murray Ent	126 ‡	...	...	2.0	...
2746½	2300	NYNEX	2509½	-3½	...	...	...
128	78	Neotronics	78 †	...	...	4.2	16.9
56	53	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
415	279	Norbain▲	410 †	...	...	0.7	∞
91	47	Northamber	91 †	+1	...	1.1	∞
9½	4½	Oceonics	6	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	26 ‡	...	0.5	2.5	∞
358	277	Oxford Inst	304 †	...	...	2.0	17.9
84	60	P & P	72 ‡	...	...	3.9	17.9
87	74½	Peek	87	...	...	4.9	22.5
235	175	Pegasus	178	...	...	3.5	19.6
£105	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.5	...
2165½	1400	-do- Lmp NV	2153½	-6½	...	0.9	9.6
440	236	Phonelink▲	255	+9	...	...	...
359	293	Pifco	358	...	...	1.6	∞
344	283	-do- 'A' Voting	340	...	...	1.7	∞
123	70	Plasmec	123	+2	...	3.0	...
129	100	Pressac	126	-1	...	2.5	25.7
303	181	Prism▲	255	...	...	1.4	27.9
258	187	Racal Elect	255 †	+9	...	2.1	21.0
50	33	Radamec	46	...	...	4.6	13.9
41	27	Radius▲	38	...	...	1.3	...
166	73	Real Time▲	156	+1	...	3.3	∞
311	220	Rexboro	257	...	...	0.9	18.8
610	507	Sage Gp	584	+1	...	2.2	15.7
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	84	...	...	4.2	...
89	19	Scantronic	21	...	...	5.0	∞
256	162	Scholes Grp	256	...	...	0.8	∞
428	310	Sema Gp	424	...	...	0.9	25.6
270	245	Servomex	245	...	...	3.3	27.5
49	37	Silvermines	37	...	...	1.8	22.0
94	63	Soundtracks▲	68 †	...	...	4.4	15.4
3225	2265½	TDK	2871½	-12½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits▲	14½	...	...	...	...
170	83	Telemetrix	92	+2	...	1.4	11.7
285	191	Telspec	284	...	...	1.1	34.3
1165	979	THORN EMI	1062 †	+4	...	4.0	21.7
207	133	Thorpe FW	206	...	...	1.7	18.4
43	22	Total Systems▲	25	...	...	7.5	∞
303	215	Tunstall	249	...	...	1.8	17.8
363	256	Unitech	357 †	-1	...	2.3	∞
16	8½	Verity	11½	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec▲	23½	...	...	2.1	12.8
212	157½	Vodafone	205	-1	...	1.7	26.8
483	395	Volex	418 †	...	...	5.4	18.3
31	20	Western Selectn	26	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	260	Wholesale Fttgs	274	...	11.7	3.5	∞

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
742	537	East Midlands	742 †	+29	...	3.8	58.6
812	566	Eastern Elec	809½	+29½	...	3.6	17.7
477	322	Hydro-Elect	393 †	+14	...	4.0	12.4
733½	534	London Elect	705	+17	...	4.0	10.8
850	635	Manweb	803 †	+20	...	3.8	9.6
778	547	Midlands Elec	773 †	+17½	...	3.8	11.9
510	404½	National Powr	502	...	...	3.1	12.5
801	589	Northern Elec	784 †	+25	...	4.0	9.8
421	329	Nthn Ireland	386 †	+17	...	3.7	10.5
806	587	Norweb	805 †	+30	...	3.6	10.6
587	449	PowerGen	576	...	...	2.7	12.6
486	337½	Scottish Power	423 †	+16	...	3.7	13.4
435	299	Seeboard	428	+10	...	3.4	11.3
825	591	Sth Wales	787 †	+32	...	4.1	10.7
770	551	Sth Western	767 †	+26	...	3.8	10.2
755	540	Southern Elec	752 †	+23	...	3.8	11.7
729½	532	Yorkshire Elec	718 †	+31	...	4.1	14.0

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	1.0	2.5	∞
165	90	BWD▲	110 †	...	...	4.8	9.0
118	96	Baltic Plc	116	...	...	1.6	12.9
215	163	Blome Inv	165	-2	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	734	-1	...	2.8	18.1
2600	1900	Camellia	2500	...	...	1.6	6.7
363	310	Candover	325	...	...	4.2	...
465	367	Govett	392 †	...	...	4.8	6.3
250	185	Ivory Sime	230 †	...	...	4.1	17.9
428	175	Johnson Fry	198	...	1.5	1.0	...
245	143	Lon Forfaiting▲	147	...	...	7.9	9.2
57	44	Manakin	49	...	...	...	0.4
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	17½	...	...	...	...
58	53	Newmarket	58	...	...	...	...
366	267	Rathbone Brs	222	...	...	3.4	14.3
29	21½	Rutland Tst	28½	...	...	4.1	13.4
363½	281½	S & U	335	-2	...	3.0	10.9
114	82	Singer & Friedl	86	-2	...	4.4	11.1
1260	788	Sotheby's	790	-28	...	3.5	34.1
188	131	SIP Capital	152	-1	...	2.5	9.4
224	174½	Torry Life	176	...	...	3.3	17.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2019½	1628½	Amer Express	1762½	-25	...	5.1	...
212	190	Exco	207	-2	...	5.1	11.2
154	131	Brewin Dolphin	151 †	...	...	4.8	11.2
229	157	Gartmore	170	...	...	2.8	20.7
1208	845	Henderson Ad	925	...	...	5.9	14.7
251½	152	Invesco	184	-2	...	2.4	30.2
317	234½	Jardine Strat	246½	-4	...	3.3	10.2
322	247	MAI	284	-1	...	3.0	15.5
117½	95½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	108½	...	...	...	...
770	538	MAM	623	-2	...	4.5	14.5
1243	794	M & G	1005	...	...	3.5	21.0
496	342	Smith New Ct	405 †	+2	...	3.1	3.6
65	25	Trio Hldgs	27	...	...	6.9	12.3

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	490	AB Food	579 †	-2	...	3.2	11.4
66	57½	ASDA Group	62½	...	...	3.5	13.1
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	302	-3	...	3.5	12.1
74	44	Albert Fisher	45	-2	...	10.4	10.0
306½	222½	Argyll	288 †	+11	...	5.0	12.6
270	220	Banks (S C)	266	...	...	4.2	∞
320	305	Barr (AG)	370	...	...	2.3	23.9
72	56	Bensons Crsp▲	58	...	...	6.1	19.2
481	378	Booker	435	+1	...	6.2	15.5
56½	48	Borthwick	53½	...	...	2.0	22.9
505	424	Brake Bros	424	...	...	2.0	15.7
43	24	Budgen	29 †	...	...	4.3	∞
178	156	CPL Aromas	175	...	...	2.1	16.7
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	470	+5	...	3.8	15.9
232	143	Carrs Milling	187	...	...	3.0	∞
167	130	Cranswick	163	...	...	6.3	13.6
17	11½	Cullens	14½	...	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	117 †	...	...	1.6	∞
543	389	Dalgety	464	-1	...	5.6	13.5
87	50	Daniels S	57	...	...	0.7	...
294	219	Devro	250	...	...	3.1	16.9
101	60	Everest	65	...	...	7.1	12.4
394	348	Fairpak	350 †	...	...	2.4	∞
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	6.8	14.2
105	87	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
371	193	Geest	222	-2	8.1	4.6	...
20½	14	Global▲	16	...	...	3.9	14.6
68	38	Grand Central	44	+5	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	133 †	-1	...	6.3	8.1
198½	151	Hillsdown	180	...	...	6.1	14.4
28	16	Hobson	22	...	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	151	-1	...	3.1	9.6
111	93	IJJ Group	98 †	...	...	6.1	13.8
656	523	Kwik Save	597	...	...	3.9	10.4
364	138	Low (Wm)	364	+1	...	2.9	12.1
126	85	Matthews (B)	119	...	...	2.6	19.0
18	10½	Merchant Retail	12	+½	...	2.1	...
142	99	Morrison (W)	142	+3	...	0.9	16.6
246	205	Nichols (JN)	238	...	...	3.1	15.1
271½	197	Nthn Foods	223 †	+3	...	4.9	10.9
14	9	Nrthmbrin Fn▲	12	...	...	...	...
232	180	Nordin Peack	191	-1	...	4.3	10.6
134	99½	Park Foods	134 †	+10	...	2.2	∞
81	62	Perkins Food	81	+4	...	6.9	13.8
141	109	PizzaExpress	129	+2	...	0.5	27.3
9½	2½	Regina Hldgs	2½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	440	-3	...	3.0	15.6
96	73	Senny Farms▲	81	-2	...	3.5	8.2
122	71	Sims Food	89 †	...	...	10.5	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	445	+3	...	3.7	11.0
254	200½	Tesco	247	+½	...	3.9	12.8
198	162	Thorntons	183	...	...	2.6	...
238	145	Treats▲	214	...	...	2.4	17.3
434½	346	Unigate	377	-6	...	5.7	10.7
388	302	Utd Biscuits	343	+2	...	5.6	14.6
21	8	Usborne	8	...	...	5.2	5.9
422	279	Watson & Phil	368	+12	...	5.0	14.9
49	34	West Trust	38	...	...	8.8	25.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abrdn Stk H▲	34	...	...	...	...
94	76	Cty Centre Rest	76	...	...	2.9	16.7
285	209½	Forte	243	+2	...	3.0	37.8
207	169	Friendly Hotels	185 †	...	...	3.0	32.2
168½	142½	Jurys Hotel	145½	...	...	4.8	∞
217½	153	Ladbroke	174	+1	...	4.3	25.6
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	87½	-1	...	3.7	22.5
31	18½	Ryan Hotels E	27	...	...	4.8	15.4
1135	780	Savoy Hotel 'A'	950	-3	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	87½	...	...	1.7	31.5

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	36	AAF Inds	44	+1	...	5.3	15.0
544	413	AAH	422 †	...	...	4.1	36.3
185	119	AIM	136 †	...	...	6.0	...
138	108	APV	113	...	...	3.5	...
220	157	ASW	214	...	...	4.9	19.0
202	158	Adwest	185	...	...	5.5	...
20½	14	Aerospace Eng	17	...	...	2.6	∞
312	223	Airsprung	233	-2	...	2.6	∞
239	192	Alexdra W	218	-2	...	3.2	23.2
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
330	283	Alumasc	320	...	...	2.4	17.8
73	39	Alvis	56 †	...	...	2.2	38.9
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.3	15.8
65½	43½	Amberley Gp▲	57 ‡	...	...	3.2	∞
65	43	Anagen	49	...	...	...	...
65	47	Andrews Sykes	53	...	...	...	...
363	199½	Antofagasta	308	...	...	1.4	24.9
62	48	Armour	51½	+½	...	4.1	12.0
175	168	Ash & Lacy	168	...	...	4.8	20.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	54.9
639	474	Avon Rubber	621	+1	...	3.3	27.0
297½	249	Assoc Nursg	251	...	...	1.0	∞
553	490	Atlas Equip	533	...	...	3.2	18.5
96	66	Ayrshire Metal	96 †	...	1.5	2.0	...
236	180	BBA	190	-1	...	4.7	...
163	115	BLP Group▲	159	...	...	0.8	43.6
45½	24½	BM Gp	43½	+½	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	738	+5	...	3.9	31.1
96½	60½	BSG	70	-1	...	5.7	43.8
578	495	BSS Group	544	...	...	4.1	22.7
401	344	BTR	376	-1	...	4.1	19.5
176	138	BWI	151	...	...	5.5	19.1
40½	25½	Babcock	33½	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
270	216	Baird (Wm)	234	...	...	4.8	18.6
568½	368½	Barlow	468½	...	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	79	...	...	2.6	21.6
25½	17	Bearing Power	19	...	...	4.9	12.1
95	23	Beaufort	27	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)▲	31	...	...	...	...
18½	12	Benson Group	16	+1½	...	2.6	∞
393	243	Bespak	290 †	+5	...	4.4	∞
91	49	Bibby (J)	54	...	...	4.6	...
226	143	Billam (J)	145	...	...	4.6	9.0
38	26	Bilston Bttrsea▲	38	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Bimec Ind	6½ #	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	279 †	...	...	2.7	∞
44	30	Black Arrow	43	...	...	7.9	∞
288	233	Black (Peter)	281	...	3.8	1.7	22.0
234	135½	Bluebird Toys▲	233	+10	...	2.1	9.8
329	252	Bodycote	309	+3	...	2.1	21.9
40	31	Bogod 'A'	33 †	...	...	2.7	∞
69	43	Booth Inds	67	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	27 †	...	...	3.7	∞
524	409	Bowater	464	-2	...	3.4	17.4
1809½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1678½	-3½	...	...	...
297	252	Boxmore Intl▲	284	+10	...	1.8	18.1
20	15	Brasway	17 †	...	...	3.9	∞
355	288	Brammer	355	...	...	4.6	23.1
31	18	Bridgend Gp	18	...	...	1.4	∞
168	120	Bridon	168	...	...	3.0	...
95	74	Bridport-Gndry	95	...	...	3.0	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	50½	+½	...	8.5	4.8
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	190	...	...	5.3	16.0
134	78	Br Bloodstock▲	78	-3	...	...	70.0
515	435	Br Polythene	466	+12	...	3.1	16.4
164½	121½	Br Steel	150½	-4½	...	1.7	55.7
176	93	Br Thornton	93 †	...	...	8.1	∞
309	233	Br Vita	274	...	...	3.4	23.0
180½	136½	Britton Grp	152 †	...	...	2.1	22.4
952	773½	Broken Hill	938	...	...	2.1	40.5
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	96 †	...	...	5.9	12.2
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	51	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	162 †	-1	...	4.7	26.6
16	8	Business Tech▲	9	-½	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	15	...	...	4.2	61.2
54	31	Campbell & Arm	36	...	...	...	...
39	26	Cannon St	31	-1½	...	...	11.9
488	398	Ca[illegible] Pharms	400	...	...	...	...
278	254	Cape	262	...	...	5.2	16.6
455	278	Caradon	295	-2	...	3.7	22.2
215½	139½	-do- pf	146½	-½	7.2	6.2	...
293	251	Carclo Eng	252 †	...	...	4.5	16.5
10	6	Care UK	6	...	...	...	...
2446½	1890½	Carnaud Ml	2115½	-6½	...	2.3	16.0
104	80	Cassidy Bros▲	98 †	...	...	3.9	11.3
155	110	Castings	155 ‡	...	...	2.1	∞
66	32½	Cathay Intl	34	...	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	205	...	...	...	...
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
779½	636½	Charter	755	+3	...	3.7	21.5
360	273	Chemring	289	...	...	4.0	15.2
62	46	Chieftain Gp▲	56 †	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Int	183	...	...	1.4	32.3
80	60	Claybithe	66 †	...	...	5.0	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	510	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	242	...	...	3.8	13.8
263	198	Concentric	198	-4	...	3.8	16.4
310	240	Cook (Wm)	282 †	+2	...	3.3	13.6
285	227	Cookson	260	-1	...	3.0	28.0
110	81	Copymoffs▲	105	...	...	4.8	14.9
167	146	Cornwl Plr 'A'	147	-1	...	4.8	19.0
157	109	Cosalt	143 †	...	...	5.5	...
288	210	Creighton Nl▲	213 †	...	...	4.5	∞
44	31	CressaCare	35	...	...	2.7	...
2062½	18½	Dana	1812½	...	...	...	...
388	305	Danka Bs Sys	308	-4	...	0.6	26.3
296	220	David Brown	250	+2	...	3.2	17.6
1021	825	De La Rue	951 †	...	...	2.6	20.2
155	133	Denby Group	155	+1	...	2.5	15.1
52	35	Dinkie Heel	35	...	...	5.0	9.1
828	405½	Diploma	480	...	...	3.3	19.2
97	70	Dobson Park	82	...	...	5.7	16.2
134	102	Dyson (J&J)	110 †	...	5.0	5.7	20.2
97	78	-do- 'A'	88 †	...	...	5.0	∞
16	13	EFG	15½	...	0.1	0.9	8.8
442	364	EIS	382	...	...	4.0	15.3
25	15	Elbief	19	...	...	...	...
53	41	Eleco	49	...	...	...	...
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3121½	-31½	...	1.7	54.3
91	69	Elliott (B)	85	...	...	1.5	13.0
467½	321	Eng China Cl	383	-8	...	5.3	22.3
140	96	Environmed	105	...	...	0.2	...
3662½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3575	+112½	...	1.1	31.6
86	56	Eurocopy	65 †	...	...	3.5	19.1
114	80	Expamet	113	...	...	2.8	...
392	334½	Fairey Group	387	...	...	1.9	20.5
146	109	Fenner	138	...	...	0.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	39	Ferrum	39	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	53	-2	...	6.5	7.8
157	113	Fisons	147	-1	...	3.7	...
60	37	Flowtiton	40	...	...	11.3	...
298	283	Fogas	298	...	...	2.8	∞
51	38	Folkes Group nv	43	...	1.5	4.4	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	98 †	...	...	4.8	18.8
264	220	Frost Group	243	...	...	2.5	25.7
88	77	GEI Int	84	...	...	2.2	23.6
660	530½	GKN	636	-1	...	4.1	36.2
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	109	...	...	5.2	29.5
191	136	Gestetner	146 ‡	...	...	2.1	...
66	49	Gieves	62	...	...	2.0	39.5
725	530	Glaxo	636	-1	...	4.7	15.1
46	35½	Glenchewton	37	...	...	...	...
404	334	Glynwed	359	-4	...	4.1	20.8
209	125	Goode Durrant	198 †	...	...	3.8	15.5
185	143	Grampian Hd	156	...	...	4.4	60.2
598	487	Granada	515 †	-4	...	2.2	20.3
770	452	Great Sthrn▲	770	+1	...	2.3	25.4
85	71	Green (Ernest)▲	71	...	...	12.3	13.0
15½	11½	Greenacre	11½	...	...	3.5	16.1
85	61	Haden MacLn	80	...	...	3.2	20.4
122	90	Hadleigh	116 †	...	...	2.2	∞
70	59	Halldn Hldgs	70	+1	...	...	54.6
320	149	Hall Eng	178	...	...	6.7	10.2
256	204	Halma	222 †	...	...	1.3	28.1
72	47	Hampson Ind	72 †	...	...	3.5	∞
302	233½	Hanson	256½	...	...	5.9	22.7
161	122	Harris (Philip)	156	...	...	5.5	19.3
220	152	Harrison Crsfld	189	-1	...	6.1	21.1
180	121	Havelock Euro	176	-3	...	1.4	33.9
48	30	Hay (Norman)	33	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	37	+1	...	2.4	...
511	307	Hepworth	317	-7	...	5.9	16.5
205	154	Hewitt (J)	155	...	...	2.6	...
75	52	High-Poltr	53	-1	0.5	1.2	...
184½	148	Hill & Smith	154 †	...	...	4.7	16.7
191	111	Holders Tech▲	119 †	...	...	6.3	12.9
63	39	Hopkinsons	60	...	...	2.2	...
216	176	Hornby▲	189	...	...	6.0	17.3
103	78	Howden	98	...	...	3.2	∞
286	234	Hozelock	285	+12	...	2.6	20.3
265	188	Hunting	188	...	...	6.6	37.2
513	402	Huntigh Tec▲	428	...	...	1.3	24.7
379	288	IMI	347	...	...	3.6	29.5
138	110	ISA Intl	130	-1	...	1.6	17.4
165	50	Intercare Gp▲	51 †	...	...	8.6	5.4
325	284	Isoron	293	...	4.4	1.9	16.5
710	409½	Jardine Math	534½	-14½	...	2.7	12.5
628	488	Johnson Mattn	575	+1	...	2.5	22.9
51	37	Johnson & FB	44	...	...	1.0	...
294	149	Johnston	294	...	...	0.9	...
32	25	Jones Stipman	39	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	31	-1	...	4.1	30.3
191½	148½	Kalon	161½	...	...	3.4	16.2
301	230	Kelsey Ind	283	-2	...	3.5	...
855	730	Kershaw (A)	845 †	...	...	4.1	38.9
276	197	Kleeneze	208	-2	...	0.6	46.2
444	341	Laird	417	-1	...	3.2	19.6
170	145	Lilleshall	166 †	+5	...	3.5	17.4
229	205	Lincat▲	210	...	...	3.7	14.9
403	313	Linton Park	403	...	...	4.7	∞
14	6½	Lionheart	7	...	...	5.4	15.9
20½	15	Locker (T) A	15½	...	...	1.6	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	97 †	...	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	131½	+½	...	3.8	36.1
436	364	Low & Bonar	430	+1	...	3.0	17.0
49	41	ML Hldgs	45½	...	...	2.3	15.6
67	49	MS Intl	50 †	...	...	6.2	30.2
70	45	MY Holdings	59	...	...	3.2	14.3
271	223	Macfarlane	247	...	...	1.9	22.4
539	431	McKechnie	495	...	...	3.7	23.7
127	100	McLeod Russel	118	...	...	6.5	18.4
106	70	Magnolia	73	...	...	0.2	...
163	129	Mang Bronze	159	+5	...	2.8	17.9
26½	18½	Marling	24	-½	...	3.2	45.8
231	166	Mayborn▲	167	...	...	4.3	11.7
64	53	Mayflower	63	...	...	2.7	25.6
187	120	Medeva	125	-2	...	3.7	10.9
120	77½	Meggitt	85	...	...	5.8	12.7
120	101	Metalrax	109	-1	...	4.2	18.1
128	99	Microtect	100	...	...	4.3	∞
133	99	Meiscs▲	131	...	...	1.9	18.2
124	83	Midsmass	92	-1	...	1.0	12.8
589	548	Mollins	566	...	...	3.4	11.4
408	326	Morgan Cble	352	-2	...	4.5	17.7
217	176	Morris Ashby▲	208 †	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	34 †	...	...	4.6	15.9
80	42	Nestor-BNA	50	...	...	7.9	11.2
274	214	Nobo Gp	242 †	...	...	3.1	∞
212½	120	Norcros	125	-3	...	7.0	22.4
35	29½	Novo Group	29½	...	...	4.7	9.5
64	48	OMI Intl	54½	...	...	4.0	∞
175	160	PCT▲	163	...	7.3	5.6	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems▲	83	...	...	5.8	27.4
46	31	Pascoe's	41	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	101	...	...	3.5	21.9
310	230	Photo-Me	256	+1	4.7	2.3	15.4
208	162	Pilkington	195½	-½	...	2.6	...
53	38	Plant & Gen	50	...	1.5	3.8	∞
163	82	Plasticbrook	163	+15	...	2.6	19.2
185	129	Polypipe	142	...	...	1.9	18.2
36	16	Porter Chadbrn	36	...	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	294	...	...	3.1	13.1
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	18 †	-½	...	5.7	9.7
77	56	RPS Group▲	60	...	...	5.0	12.4
108	80	Radiant Metal	80	-5	...	...	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	398 †	-4	...	4.0	25.5
62	13	Ransomes	62	+3	...	...	...
723	551	Reckitt Colm	640	+7	...	3.4	16.0
95	70	Record	89	...	...	5.1	20.0
5½	3½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	246	...	...	2.8	44.5
308	268	Renishaw	292	...	...	2.8	36.7
180	126	Renold	169	...	...	1.8	∞
539½	424	Rosters	507 †	-1	...	1.7	25.4
90	74	Rexmore	85	...	...	3.7	∞
194	138	Ricardo Group	159	...	...	4.6	18.6
73	55	Richard (Leics)	55	...	...	5.1	39.4
104½	82½	Richardson West	90	...	...	4.6	17.9
164	118½	Ropner	144	...	...	6.5	14.6
24	15	Ross Gp	15½	...	...	3.2	...
195	157	Rotork	171	...	...	3.3	17.2
190	137	Rubicon	140	...	...	4.2	∞
91	62	Russell (A)	89	...	...	2.5	31.7
42	34½	SEP Indl	40 †	+½	...	2.8	18.8
1459½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1143½	+15½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	219 †	...	...	3.4	18.7
210	168	Scholl	176	+2	...	4.5	14.3
291	242	Scotia	268	...	...	...	...
1388	1146	Securicor	1388 †	+10	...	0.3	34.4
1036	785	-do- 'A'	927 †	+16	...	0.4	23.0
892	606	Security Serv	727 †	+6	...	1.0	23.0
150½	89½	Senior Eng	137½	+½	...	3.1	22.3
353	291	Seton Health	353	...	...	2.3	18.0
180	138	Shiloh	148	...	...	3.0	9.8
358	266	Sidlaw	283	+1	...	4.7	13.8
630	517	Siebe	583 †	-17	...	2.4	18.8
378	194	Silentnight	206	...	...	4.9	11.8
192	137	Sime Darby	192	+4	...	2.5	21.2
130½	75	Simon Eng	114	...	...	...	...
244	180	Sinclair (Wm)	200	+1	...	4.4	16.2
70	35	Six Hundred	68	...	...	2.8	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	158½	-1	...	4.0	17.3
457½	357½	Smithkline	451 †	+1	...	3.0	17.6
412	322	Smthkline Uts	403 †	...	...	3.4	15.7
527½	429	Smiths Ind	484	-3	...	3.1	19.4
104	41	Stim Bus	48	...	...	9.7	7.5
245	155½	Spandex▲	215	+2	...	1.2	22.9
1130	420	Spear (JW)	1130	...	...	2.1	19.2
437	337	Spirax-Sarco	422	-1	...	2.9	20.5
81½	45	Spring Ram	50½	+2	...	1.2	...
267	197	Staveley	225	...	...	4.7	65.8
252	197	Sterling Ind	252	+1	...	3.1	22.6
220	180	Suter	197 †	...	...	5.8	17.4
601	440½	Swire Pacfc 'A'	501	+9½	...	1.9	∞
178	149	Syltone	163 †	+5	...	3.6	16.1
455	351	TI	374 †	-1	...	3.8	20.7
44	31	TLS Range▲	40	...	...	1.6	44.3
399	330	TT Group	366	...	...	2.2	∞
202	192	Takare	223	-1	2.0	1.5	19.4
857½	656	Takeda Chem	816½	-14½	...	0.8	14.8
102	72	Tensia Gp▲	102 †	...	...	6.9	∞
233	193	Trona▲	199	...	...	2.7	16.9
285	213	Tomkins	236 †	-1	...	3.9	15.2
124	74	Trafalgar H	90	...	...	1.4	...
105	63	Transfer Tech	70	...	...	5.9	7.5
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	144 †	...	...	6.1	∞
319	262	UniChem	307	...	...	2.6	17.2
440	245	Unidare	265	...	...	4.0	14.4
54	35	Unigroup	45	...	...	...	...
1247	958	Unilever	1129	+9	25.0	2.8	16.3
8119½	6495½	Unilever (NV)	7331½	-59½	...	3.0	14.5
19½	12	Utd Inds	16	...	...	...	...
1093	876	VSEL	983	...	...	4.8	8.3
31½	14½	Verson	17½	...	...	...	...
234	166	Vickers	168	-1	...	1.9	24.6
327	264	Victaulic	275	-1	...	3.6	15.1
528	451	Vinten	468	...	...	3.0	15.9
905	661	Vosper Thrnny	740	...	...	3.0	16.0
65	37	WSP Hldgs	61	-2	...	3.7	44.9
527	451	Wagon Ind	510 †	...	...	4.4	∞
200	60	Waterhouse	80	-1	...	...	...
114	97	Walker Greenbk	103	...	3.3	4.0	∞
314½	246½	Wassall	303	...	...	1.4	22.0
62	44	Watford Wdgwd	60	...	...	...	46.7
365	254	Weir	313	...	...	2.6	18.1
731	498	Wellcome	703 †	-1	...	3.1	16.0
350	200	Wellington Hdg	200	...	...	3.2	19.3
39½	35	Wellman	39	...	...	2.4	63.7
400	294	West Hlthcare	356	...	...	1.6	∞
548	455	Whatman	480	...	...	2.7	17.0
264	108	Whessoe	139	+2	...	7.4	10.6
129	93	Whitecroft	126	+3	...	2.0	19.9
13½	10	Widney	11	...	...	...	...
414½	329	Williams Hldg	359	-1	...	4.4	19.3
55½	39½	Wilshaw	55	+2	...	1.4	22.7
975	785	Wolseley	822	+4	...	2.2	20.0
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.7
82	40	Wyko	69	...	...	1.0	∞
96	70	Young (H)	82	-1	...	5.0	...

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1457½	937½	Alex & Alex	1287½	-12½	...	5.2	...
2043	1695½	Am Gen	1831½	-8½	...	4.1	...
96	50½	Archer	52	...	...	2.4	...
165	89	Bradstock	97 †	+1	...	7.2	11.1
550	372	Britannic	413	...	...	4.0	...
117	90	CLM Insce	93 †	...	1.4	1.9	...
711	486	Cm Union	540 †	-4	...	4.7	15.4
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1663	...	...	1.6	22.0
64	33	FAI	40	-1	...	1.2	...
194	144	Fenchurch Grp	154	-1	...	5.6	13.8
757	533	Gen Accident	565	-5	...	6.3	8.9
247	161	GRE	190	...	...	5.0	2.6
457	358	Heath C E	295	...	...	6.8	...
323	259	Independent Ins	293	-1	...	4.1	7.2
205	129	JIB Group	149	-1	...	6.3	13.5
547	407	Legal & Gen	454	+2	...	5.5	15.2
1390½	973	Liberty Life	1356½	-34½	...	7.8	5.1
119	93	LIMIT	94 †	...	...	1.3	∞
471	352	Lloyds Abbey	364 †	+1	...	6.4	11.0
310	166	Lloyd Thomp	166	...	7.1	5.3	10.3
178	159	Lombard Ins	178	...	...	5.4	10.3
443	313	London & Man	325	...	...	6.0	16.2
472	380	Lowndes Lmb	389 †	...	...	4.8	12.3
5893½	5337½	Marsh McLn	5418½	-93½	...	3.5	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	154	...	...	4.5	15.4
129½	109	Orion	111 ‡	...	...	5.6	∞
83	39	PWS	45	...	...	8.3	...
385	271	Prudential	316	-1	...	5.2	15.0
404	261	Refuge	282	...	...	5.0	20.8
350	200	Royal	290	...	...	3.9	7.2
222	157	Sedgwick	172	-1	...	4.4	19.0
155	108	Steel Burrill	116	...	...	9.7	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	58 †	...	...	6.4	71.0
418	285	Sun Alliance	324	+3	...	5.7	14.8
96	51	Trade Indemnity	60	...	...	1.9	13.3
464	343	Transatlantic	374	...	...	4.1	33.3
673	468	Utd Friendly	543	...	...	3.8	22.9
245	133	Willis Corroon	153½	+½	...	5.4	13.6
28	20	Windsor	21	+1	...	...	16.5

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
319	280	3i	319	+1	...	2.6	...
2058	1703	Alliance	1863	-10	...	3.2	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	437 †	-3	...	2.0	...
161	123	BZW Conv	147	-1	7.8	6.6	...
219	175	Bankers	195½	-1	...	2.4	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	345 †	...	...	2.4	...
248	198	Berry Starq	224	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	99½	-½	...	5.4	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	95	-½	...	1.2	...
46	31	-do- Wnts	41	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	214	-1	...	2.8	...
272	221	Brunner	249 †	-1	...	2.7	...
223	194	Contl Asset	204	-1	...	1.8	...
173	147	Derby Inc	165 †	...	...	11.9	...
328	268	-do- Cap	320	...	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	83	...	...	12.7	...
111	84	-do- Eng Intl	97	-1	...	1.0	...
156	128	-do- Far East	153	-2	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	672	...	...	4.9	...
108	85	-do- Japan	99½	-1	...	...	...
80	45	-do- Warrants	56	-1	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	316	-1	...	3.6	...
827	725	-do- Wrlde	805	-2	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	322	+1	...	3.4	...
354	286	Electra Inv	328	-1	...	2.7	...
220	185	Electric Gen	202 †	-1	...	2.0	∞
127	106	English Scot	121	...	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	322 †	-1	...	1.9	...
172	140	Finsbury 'A'	155	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	310 †	-1	...	0.4	...
145	75½	Fleming Chinese	89½	-½	...	...	...
92	42	-do- Warrants	49	-2	...	...	...
267	...	-do- Claver	215 †	-1	...	3.2	...
385	305	-do- Contl	350	...	...	0.8	...
264	190	-do- Entp	213	...	...	2.9	∞
459	327	-do- F East	369	-5	1.5	0.5	...
422	359½	-do- Fledg	375 †	...	...	1.0	...
120	89	-do- Hi Inc	101	-1	...	5.4	...
281½	223	-do- Japan	277	-2	...	0.2	...
347	269½	-do- Merc	299½	+½	...	2.8	...
347½	280½	-do- O'seas	312	-½	4.2	1.7	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	144½	-1	...	1.6	...
148	106½	-do- Emg Mkts	134	-1	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	-do- Enterprise	72½	...	...	1.0	...
261	216	-do- Eurotst	245	-1	...	0.6	...
145	116	-do- German	136	...	...	0.5	...
374	307	-do- Pacific	330	-4	...	0.8	...
192	159½	-do- Smaller	180½	-½	...	1.4	∞
303	247	GT Japan	271	-3	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	188	...	...	...	...
135½	105	-do- Inc	110 †	...	...	9.9	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	145	-1	...	...	...
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	125½	...	...	0.2	∞
96½	80	-do- Global Smlr	86	+½	...	...	...
112	83	-do- High Inc	91	...	...	7.0	...
429	349	-do- Oriental	401	-4	...	0.3	...
346	239	Govett Strategic	262	-1	...	3.2	...
475	410	Greenfriar	424 †	...	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	97	...	...	...	...
99	92	Int Biotech	96	...	...	...	...
50	30	-do- Warrants	45	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	137 †	-1	...	4.7	...
119	94	IMS UK Smlr	109	...	...	3.2	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	155	+3½	...	...	...
243	196½	Kleinwort Cht	219½	-½	...	2.9	...
88½	75½	-do- Euro Prvt	81½	+½	...	...	...
49	23½	-do- Euro Wts	31½	...	...	...	...
272½	232½	-do- O'seas	249	-1	...	1.7	...
165	134	-do- Smlr	138	...	...	3.2	...
826	672	Law Debenture	761 †	...	...	3.2	...
227	190	Majedie	209	...	...	3.0	...
324	232	Merchants	278 †	...	...	5.0	...
89	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	88	-½	...	...	...
45	28½	-do- Warrants	35	-½	...	...	...
125	98	-do- World Mng	105	-2	...	...	...
52½	35	-do- World Wts	36½	-½	...	...	...
2987½	2250	Merrill Lynch	2387½	-25	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	551	-2	...	1.6	...
158	127	Morg Gren Inc	142	-1	...	4.0	...
64	43	-do- Warrants	53	...	...	...	...
100½	87	-do- Latn Amer	99½	-½	...	...	...
60	39	-do- Warrants	58½	-½	...	...	...
148	114	Murray Ent	126 ‡	...	...	2.0	...
58	34	-do- Warrants	39	...	...	...	...
68	54	Murray Euro	61½	...	...	0.6	...
23½	16	-do- Wts	17½	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Income	358	-2	11.3	3.9	...
395	319	-do- Intl	354 †	-1	...	4.1	...
548	424	-do- Small	486 †	-1	...	1.1	∞
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	89 †	...	...	14.9	...
174	135	-do- S/C Cap	148	...	...	...	...
3400	2975	-do- S/C Uts	3050 †	...	...	4.3	...
162	153	-do- S/C DP	162	...	...	...	...
363	324	-do- Vent	336	...	...	4.1	...
95	61	Nthrop Inc	64	...	...	9.3	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	377	-2	...	1.0	...
241	179	-do- Warrants	209	...	...	...	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	535	...	...	0.3	...
542	335	-do- Warrants	433	-1	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8050	...	19.6	3.1	∞
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	183	...	...	1.0	...
127	113	River & Merc	113 †	...	...	10.2	...
449	413	Robeco	435	+10	...	2.9	...
463	415	Rolinco	445	+18	...	1.7	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	330 †	+2	...	3.1	...
183	150½	Scot American	167½	-½	...	3.6	...
308	238	Scott Asian	284	...	...	...	...
1070	663	-do- Warrants	793	...	...	...	...
97½	77	-do- Eastern	86½	...	...	2.3	...
262½	209½	Scottish	228½	-½	...	2.7	∞
264½	205	-do- Mtge	239	...	...	2.1	...
133½	111½	-do- Value	118	-½	...	2.1	...
1795	1520	Second Allnce	1660	-2	...	3.0	...
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	89	...	...	4.6	...
179	148	Selective Asset	159	-1	...	1.1	...
51½	41	Sphere Inv	46 †	-½	...	9.2	...
205	149	TR Far East	170 †	...	...	3.8	...
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	151½	-½	...	4.0	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	114½	-3	...	0.2	...
43½	34	TR Property	35	...	...	3.2	...
152	113	TR Tech Inv	131 †	...	...	1.7	...
228	182	TR Smlr Cos	211 †	+1	...	2.3	∞
412	310	Temple Bar	361 †	-1	...	4.7	...
135	102	Thrgtn Asian E	114½	-½	...	0.5	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	81 †	-½	...	3.5	...
568	488	Thrmg Dual Cp	545	-3	...	...	...
269	233	USDC Invest	252	...	...	2.2	...
129	109½	Value Inc Tst	120½	-½	...	4.1	...
257½	205	Witan	234 †	-1	...	3.1	...

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	450	...	...	2.5	15.6
46½	19	Ald Leis	24	...	...	15.6	7.8
177	155	Alpha Airpts	162	+2	...	3.0	∞
131	85	Baldwin	115	...	...	3.8	15.1
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	287	+5	...	4.4	12.7
350	231	Boosey Hwks	350	+10	...	1.8	21.1
205	133	Border TV▲	190 †	+1	...	2.6	15.9
7½	3½	Brent Walker	4	...	...	...	...
150	100	Brtsml Scotts	150	-10	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Im	2½	-½	...	...	...
74	41	Campari	44	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	395	...	...	2.0	34.8
1047	520	Carlton Comm	883 †	+1	...	2.6	19.5
356	248	Castle Comm▲	355	...	...	3.2	22.4
210	114	Chrysalis	210	...	3.2	1.9	...
374	305	Compass Gp	344	+3	...	2.5	20.3
290	232	Eurocamp	286 †	+3	9.9	4.3	11.8
213	118	Euro Disney	127	+1	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
435	308	Fairline Boats	425	...	...	3.5	29.6
350	262	First Leisure	287	...	...	2.9	18.9
478	309	Flextech▲	406	...	...	...	...
1033	675	GWR Gp▲	903	...	...	1.5	32.7
303	228	Grampian	294	+2	...	3.2	15.7
162	106	HTV Group	159	...	...	0.8	43.9
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	78	+1	...	4.4	11.5
18½	11½	Lunick	13½	...	...	...	...
247	200	London Clubs	247	+5	...	6.0	12.6
702	539	Man Utd	664	...	...	3.8	26.8
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
57	34	Northern	52	...	...	2.4	10.0
130	81	Owners Abrd	106	...	...	4.2	...
94	65½	The Pelican Gp	94 †	+1	...	1.5	∞
183	135	Prism Leisure▲	135 †	...	...	3.9	9.5
43	28	Quadrant Grp	28	-1	...	...	...
276	205	Ramsdens (H)	275 †	...	...	2.0	41.4
628	395	Scott Radio▲	620	...	...	2.1	34.2
574	355	Scot TV	429	-8	...	3.6	23.5
40½	24	SelecTV▲	26	...	...	...	...
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	333 †	...	...	2.0	∞
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
110	75	Tottenhm Hot	107	...	...	2.3	40.9
182	85	Trans World▲	179	...	...	0.9	65.3
760	518	Ulster TV	619	+14	...	3.0	23.2
150	129	VCI	148	...	...	4.6	13.2
149	112	Vardon	128	...	...	1.1	22.7
375	150	Yorkshire TV	351	+7	...	...	...
129	110	Zetters Gp	122 †	+1	...	8.4	∞

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3712½	-21½	...	1.9	34.5
2687½	1762½	Ang Am Coal	2687½	...	...	3.4	14.6
6534½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	6506½	-28½	...	3.7	19.1
36	27	Anglo Pac Res▲	28½	-½	...	...	...
1512½	1262½	Ashanti	1275	+12½	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	291	+4	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	158½	-½	...	...	...
37	22½	Bracken	22½	...	...	4.0	62.6
898	580½	Buffels	645½	-1	...	8.5	∞
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
932	745½	CRA	932	...	...	2.3	28.9
55½	36	Chff Res	49	-½	...	...	...
110	28½	Coal Inv	110	...	...	...	...
1750	16½	De Beers	1530	-56½	...	3.4	16.1
148	88	Deelkraal	100	+3	...	3.6	∞
74	30½	Doornfontein	64½	+3½	...	...	...
985	665½	Driefontein	985	+25½	...	4.4	∞
928	549½	Durban	694½	-1½	...	...	...
178½	107	E Rand Gold	157	+3	...	11.5	5.8
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	70½	...	...	...	...
449	300½	Elandsrand	419½	...	...	3.9	9.6
1239	741½	FS Cons	485	-5½	...	7.2	10.0
62	27	FS Dev	52	...	...	...	...
1900	1193½	GFSA	1831½	...	...	2.1	∞
185½	108½	Gencor	184	-½	...	3.3	30.0
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	57½	-½	...	2.5	21.1
21	14	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	155 †	+3	...	5.8	∞
416	319½	Harmony	384½	+5½	...	...	...
430	268½	Hartles	329½	+9½	...	8.3	∞
1446½	831½	Impala Plat	1387½	-15½	...	1.8	∞
1315½	890½	Kinross	968½	+15½	...	5.0	∞
926	568½	Kloof	924½	-1½	...	3.5	∞
137	69½	Leslie	102 †	...	...	8.0	∞
333	176½	Loraine	277½	+9½	...	...	...
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	∞
162	118	MIM	145	...	...	1.6	60.8
1612½	1222	Minorco	1600	-12½	...	2.4	19.2
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	172	...	...	3.1	25.2
899	790	RTZ	853	-11	...	3.0	24.3
375	187½	Rand Mines	375	...	...	2.8	14.2
801½	547½	Randfontein	710½	+23	...	4.6	∞
295	207	Renison	240	+4	...	...	...
1531½	1078½	Rustenbg	1437½	-3½	...	2.1	∞
756	539½	St Helena	650 †	-13½	...	4.0	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1815½	+12½	...	4.8	20.7
139½	73	Stilfontein	122½	+1	...	22.1	∞
160	90	Unisel	129½	+1	...	3.5	∞
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	5746½	-99½	...	4.5	9.3
934½	508½	Western Areas	912½	-14½	...	7.9	∞
3362½	2050	Western Deep	2743½	-3½	...	3.8	9.4
500	300½	Wstrn Mining	358 †	...	...	1.5	...
1225	603½	Winkels	703½	+15½	...	5.1	∞
66	50	Zambia Copper	57	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	53	...	...	9.5	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	283	...	...	...	...
132	108	Airflow Stream	132	+3	3.0	2.8	19.9
175	128	Appleyard	128	-2	...	5.4	22.6
405	305	Bletchley Mtr	308	+3	...	4.0	12.5
275	180	Bostrum	275	+22	...	2.7	26.0
584	390	Br Aerospace	503	+2	...	2.1	44.2
57	42	Burndene	42 †	...	...	6.0	12.2
465	280	Caffyns	340	+2	...	4.2	22.9
22	13½	Coverdale	17½	...	...	1.1	17.5
130	98	Central Mtrs	103	...	...	4.3	25.3
51	32½	Cook (DC)▲	43	...	...	3.0	∞
348	249	Cowie	250 †	...	...	4.1	12.2
192½	127	Dag Motors	154	...	...	5.1	17.7
158	113	Davnprt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	305	...	...	0.8	...
234	220	Eurodollar	220	...	...	4.8	17.2
173	118	European Mtr	125 ‡	...	...	4.2	13.1
539½	399	Evans Halshaw	441	...	...	4.1	13.7
310	235	FR Group	298	...	...	3.2	16.3
2359½	1806½	Ford Motor	1918½	-68½	...	...	...
4387½	3175	General Mtr	3225 †	-100	...	1.6	...
90	60	Gowrings	75	...	...	3.3	...
342½	266½	Henlys	292	...	...	3.2	20.1
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1095½	-30	...	0.4	...
58	35	Jacks (Wm)	51	...	...	...	17.7
184	148½	Kwik-Fit	148½	-1½	...	3.2	17.0
573	392	Lex Service	400 †	...	...	4.2	15.3
282	162	Lookers	238 †	...	...	3.6	14.8
230	158	Lucas	195	-2	...	4.5	...
29½	25	Malaya Grp	25	...	...	1.3	...
310	256	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.5	18.3
238	175	Perry Gp	200	...	...	4.4	11.0
218	156	Quicks Group	171	-1	...	3.7	18.0
254	161	Rolls-Royce	200½	+1½	...	3.1	35.4
261	203	T & N	249	-2	...	5.4	28.4
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	333	...	...	2.3	24.1
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	184 †	...	...	3.1	∞

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	297	...	5.7	2.4	30.4
335	320	Black (A&C)	325	...	...	3.2	13.8
402	229	Blenheim Gp	243	...	...	5.3	9.1
413	365	Bristol	373	...	...	4.1	25.8
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1347½	+6½	...	1.4	31.4
1484½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	1015½	+6½	...	1.9	23.8
314	280	Dorling Kind	310	...	...	1.3	28.1
6712½	5381½	Elsevier	6368½	+21½	...	3.1	20.2
476	366½	EMAP	422	+2	...	2.6	25.8
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1843	...	...	2.7	32.4
194	32	Harrington K	35 †	+1	...	9.6	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	440	...	...	2.0	24.8
408	340	Hodder H'line	353	...	...	1.8	57.5
180	130	Home Counts	147	...	...	3.8	36.0
218	161	Intl Bus Comm	209	...	...	1.2	13.8
15	8	Int Cm & Data▲	9½	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	308	...	...	3.1	10.5
669	551	Johnstone Press	586	...	7.0	1.5	21.5
110	43	MAID	60	-1	...	...	...
492	338	Metal Bulletn	483	...	...	2.9	24.9
177½	152	Midland Ind	161	...	...	2.2	22.0
203	123	Mirror Gp	143	+5	...	...	5.6
514½	382½	News Corp	429	...	...	0.3	...
314	224	News Intl	256	+2	...	0.7	15.7
735	570	Pearson	629	-5	...	2.6	22.5
760	670	Portsmth Sund	685	...	...	1.9	∞
964	734	Reed Int	811	-2	...	3.0	24.3
249	187	Southnews	224	...	...	1.6	29.4
200	143	Sterling Pub▲	150	...	...	3.1	12.6
622	322	Telegraph	378	-3	...	4.3	13.8
885	695	Thomson Corp	695 †	+7½	30.1	5.4	34.7
472	394	Trinity Intl	403	...	...	3.0	19.9
45	18½	Unit Group▲	37	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Newspapr	543	+8	...	5.1	14.9

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
38½	24½	Aran Energy	36	...	...	...	21.8
53	35	Arcon Intl▲	46	...	...	...	...
94½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	68½	-½	...	...	...
67	43	Aviva Pet	43	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½ #	...	...	...	64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	221	...	...	4.0	11.4
358	253	British Gas	302	+7	...	6.0	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	409½	+1½	...	2.8	22.4
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½ #	...	...	...	...
895	811	Burmah Castrl	884	+4	...	3.9	18.6
84	56	Cairn Energy	80	...	...	...	44.1
375	261	Calor Gp	283	-3	...	5.6	14.5
51	33	Clyde Pet	41½	...	...	...	...
30	14½	Coplex Res	16½	-½	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs▲	21	...	...	...	22.7
496	379	Enterprise	400	...	...	5.0	34.8
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	-½	...	5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	6½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	72	-1	...	2.4	19.0
46	31	Gt Western Res	45	...	...	...	...
177	141	Hardy O & G	142	...	...	0.9	18.2
55	40	Kelt Energy	48	...	...	3.5	...
169	110½	LASMO	157½	+1½	...	0.8	...
73	53	-do- Units	59	...	9.4	20.0	...
75	55	Monument	71	...	...	...	58.2
7½	4½	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	46	...	...	...	...
50½	17½	Petroz	38½	-1½	...	...	...
168	153	Pict Pet	160	-1½	...	...	...
111	100	Pitencrieff Rs	108	...	...	...	...
32½	23½	Premier	26½	...	...	...	15.5
158	118	Presidio	128	...	...	5.2	...
189	129	Ramco Egy▲	189	+14	...	0.3	...
463	335	Ranger	410	...	...	5.0	...
7200	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	7068½	-18½	...	4.5	18.3
4084½	3461½	Schlumberger	3661½	-6½	...	2.1	...
65	50	Seafield	63	...	...	...	...
755	651	Shell	721	...	...	4.2	21.9
187	128	Sundrbe Eng Sv	129	...	...	...	...
19	9½	Villers Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
232	178½	Woodside	220	...	...	1.7	...
110	28	XCL	74	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	145	AG Holdings	147	...	...	4.5	13.3
444	377	API	377	...	...	2.9	27.7
316	277	Arjo Wiggins	272	-2	...	3.0	41.8
730	540	Abbott Mead	683	...	...	1.9	36.4
31	17½	Aegis Gp	30½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Coms▲	170	...	4.0	3.6	∞
36	18	BBB Design▲	20	...	...	...	...
472	413	Bemrose	416	...	...	3.5	14.9
13½	7½	Birkdale	8	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bunzl	165	-1	...	3.1	22.2
169	117½	CIA Gp	146	...	...	1.5	23.5
179	129	Capital Inds	174	...	...	...	13.2
36	33	Chime Comm	33	...	...	...	...
99	76	City of Lon▲	95	...	...	5.6	14.5
439	304	Cropper (James)	334	...	...	1.4	16.3
114	80	Delyn Group	80	...	...	2.6	14.5
137	104	Dolphin Pack	116	...	...	4.8	15.2
83	71	Dudley Jenkins▲	72 †	...	...	5.7	15.9
17	12	Elswick	16½	...	...	2.5	17.4
101	75	Fairway Group▲	90	+1	...	4.9	16.6
430	344	Ferguson Intl	344	...	...	4.5	14.7
145	128	Ferry Pick	130	+1	...	5.4	...
227	188	Filofax▲	200	...	...	1.1	19.7
17½	8	Fitch	13	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons▲	137 †	...	...	5.0	∞
275	171	Gold Greenlees	180	...	...	3.7	∞
34	23	Goodhead	26	...	...	0.2	∞
30	9	Humberprint	9	-7	...	...	...
162	128	Intereurope	132	...	...	7.4	11.9
281½	248	Jarvis Porter	277½	...	...	2.3	19.9
33½	22	Lopex	31	...	...	1.0	25.3
431	344	More O'Ferrall	353	-1	...	4.7	20.4
420	230	Osborne & Little	420	+3	...	1.9	15.2
60	32	Osprey Comms	39	-1	...	0.2	...
820	513	Portals	664	...	...	3.0	19.4
3	1½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
339	260	Quarto	262	...	...	2.9	14.2
412	322	St Ives Gp	368	...	...	2.0	25.9
178	127	Saatchi	170	...	...	...	34.4
818½	464½	Sappi	818½	+18	...	12.6	5.0
30½	18	Serif	21½	...	...	...	...
57	39½	Shandwick	46½	...	...	1.2	7.0
573	398	Smith David	570 †	+2	...	2.4	∞
414	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	389	-10	...	1.3	55.4
119	92	Somic	92	...	...	3.4	∞
254	210	Stat-Plus	217	...	...	5.1	20.5
34	25½	Taylor Nelson	34	...	...	1.7	28.5
161	118½	VTR	135	...	...	3.7	21.4
36½	25	WMGO	29½	...	...	2.5	∞
129	63½	WPP	121	+3½	...	1.1	∞
264	182	Wace	250	...	...	1.8	24.5
291	209	Waddington (J)	230	+1	...	4.8	10.9
511	403	Waimough	423	...	...	2.0	26.9
44	29	Whitney Mck▲	39	...	...	...	...
132	98	Wyndeham	127	...	...	2.2	18.4

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	99	Allied Lon	114	...	...	4.0	15.3
46	36	Arcadian	40	...	...	...	...
268	253	Argent	268	...	...	...	...
10½	4	Ascot Hldgs	4½	...	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	119	...	...	2.3	21.1
191	113	Avonside	135	...	...	3.9	15.8
2575	2096½	BCE▲	2212½	+3½	...	...	...
382½	258	Bilton	258	...	...	4.7	18.6
108	72	Bourne End	93	...	...	1.3	...
276	200	Bradford	232	-3	...	3.5	16.2
22½	10	Bredero	10	...	...	...	7.3
474	360	Br Land	413 †	...	...	2.3	39.9
137	121	Brighstone	121	...	...	3.9	27.4
276	179	Brixton	207	...	...	4.8	18.1
118	90½	Burford	103	...	...	1.7	33.2
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl▲	157	...	...	1.2	61.9
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	213	-1	...	3.8	51.3
325	230	Cardiff Prop	303 †	...	...	1.0	67.8
185	152	Chelsfield	173	...	...	1.7	42.7
678	534	Chesterfield	534	...	...	2.8	24.0
84	36	City Site Ests	65	-1	...	...	...
12½	8	Clarke Nickolls	9	...	...	...	18.8
350	285	Compco	310	...	...	5.5	∞
56	32	Conrad Rbini GS	40	...	...	...	...
1755	1458	Daejan	1510 †	...	...	2.4	17.6
25½	5	Dares Estates	11½	...	...	...	...
156	103	Debenhm Twsn	115 †	-1	...	3.8	18.6
17	6	De Morgan	8½	...	...	...	...
180	161	Dencora	169	...	...	2.4	47.5
347½	263	Derwent Hldgs	266	...	...	2.1	23.7
41	22½	Development Sec	22½	...	...	...	...
51	45	Dwyer	50	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	415 †	...	...	3.2	50.1
47	18	Estates Gen	26½	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	119 †	...	...	2.7	20.8
43½	27	Ex-Lands	31	...	...	1.4	...
80	68	Fiscal Prop	69	...	...	...	...
37	24	Five Oaks	29½	...	...	0.9	...
78	64	Fletcher King	64 †	...	...	2.9	∞
536	407	Frogmore	441	-2	...	4.6	19.4
325	228	Grainger	273	-2	...	2.5	48.8
260	174	Gt Portland	202	+1	...	5.0	38.5
22½	12½	Greycoat	15 †	...	...	...	...
269	149	HK Land	163	-4½	...	0.5	∞
94	43	Hambro Cntyw	56½	+½	...	1.7	57.4
435	329	Hammerson	344	...	...	3.6	34.5
390	298	Helical Bar	367	...	...	2.0	14.7
40½	29½	Hemingway	33	-½	...	1.5	56.7
78	37	Herring Baker	51	...	...	3.7	...
315	138	Jermyn	170	...	...	...	33.1
792	588	Land Sec	658	-3	...	4.6	18.7
122	89	Lon Merch Sec	94 †	...	...	5.6	13.8
16	9	Lon & Metro	10	...	...	...	0.5
562	409	MEPC	457	+2	...	5.5	26.3
13½	6½	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	185 †	...	...	3.5	∞
81	59	Merivale Mre	75	...	...	...	...
55	27	Moorfield Est	34	...	...	3.7	...
1425	1200	Mountview	1225	...	...	2.3	12.2
196	154	Mucklow (A&J)	164	...	...	4.7	23.6
59	32	OEM	33	...	...	...	...
64	37½	Olives Prop	39	...	...	...	14.0
191	148	PSIT	162 †	...	...	3.6	22.9
399	264	Peel	264	-2	...	2.2	∞
12½	4½	Power Corp	5½	...	...	...	...
9½	5	Premier Land	6	...	...	...	...
54	32½	Raglan	33½	+1	...	...	12.3
41	27	Regalian	27½	...	...	...	10.4
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	175	...	...	1.3	11.1
134	115	Rugby Est	115	...	...	2.4	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51 †	...	...	2.9	12.7
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	63	...	...	5.5	∞
108	78	Savills	80 †	...	...	3.5	∞
100	82	Scot Met	85	+1	...	2.3	...
135	107	Shaftesbury	107	...	...	...	...
17½	8	Shield	8½	...	...	...	4.5
307	221	Slough Estates	255	+4	...	4.0	41.8
103	63	Southend Prop	67 †	...	...	4.5	∞
50	23	Stanhope Prps▲	25	...	...	...	...
79	34	TBI	38½	-½	...	...	2.1
244	182	Tops Ests	189 †	-3	...	1.5	45.0
162	119	Town Centre	119	...	...	3.7	21.3
107	91	Trafford Park	93	...	...	3.9	21.4
71	28	UK Land	43	...	...	...	...
317	231	Warner	241	-2	...	5.9	22.8
260	218	Warnford	225	...	...	4.2	19.0
7½	1½	Waterglade	2½	-½	...	...	...
103½	67	Wates	70	...	...	...	...
105	70	Wood John D▲	80 †	...	...	3.1	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic▲	41	...	...	6.3	6.5
202½	148	Lambert	148	...	...	...	...
75	53	Pittards	70	...	...	1.8	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher▲	19	...	...	6.6	13.0
250	227	Stylo	240 †	+1	...	2.1	23.1
69	50½	UK Safety	52	...	...	6.2	10.9

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	488 †	...	...	3.4	15.0
71	54	Beckman (A)	54	...	...	8.3	11.6
30½	16	Bolton Gp	18 †	...	...	...	...
17½	5½	Brackenbridge▲	9½	...	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	190	...	...	5.6	25.9
385	292	Claremont Ga	315	+2	...	3.2	16.6
593	451	Courtauld Text	505	+5	...	3.5	20.0
159½	119	Dawson	152 ‡	...	...	2.5	...
42	31	Drummond	32	...	...	...	14.2
80	72	Faupel▲	74 †	...	...	8.3	12.5
29	24	Foster (John)	25	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	140	...	...	3.8	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	28	...	...	9.0	11.5
250	222	Hicking Pntcst	250	...	...	2.3	17.7
73	55	Jerome (S)	62	...	...	1.0	31.4
485	388	Lamont	394	...	...	4.0	15.1
340	265	Leeds	285	...	...	2.6	14.5
101	68	Lyles (S)	84	...	...	4.1	...
266	190	Parkland	208	...	...	3.0	12.3
112	80	Readicut	84	+½	...	5.1	14.4
70	47	SEET	47	...	...	...	...
146	100	Sirdar	107½	-½	...	6.3	7.4
64	50	Stirling Gp	62	...	...	3.9	∞
46	34	Stoddard	35	-1	...	5.7	13.2
330	253	Tomkinsons	253	...	...	5.7	23.8
49	34	West Trust	38	...	...	8.8	25.0
289	239	Yorklyde	284	-5	...	2.6	13.8

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	425 †	...	...	6.1	11.1
489	337	Rothmans	404 †	+3	...	4.1	21.5

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	285	-1	...	2.0	27.2
541½	440	BAA	510 ‡	-6	...	2.2	21.7
128	103½	Badgerline	117	...	...	4.4	...
490½	367	Br Airways	403½	-5½	...	3.4	12.7
108	75	Clarkson (H)	87	...	...	3.5	21.9
592½	259	Eurotunnel Uts	304	-3	...	...	...
87	55	Fisher (James)	55	...	...	...	...
155	126½	IoM Steam	147	+2	...	3.7	11.2
63	39	Jacobs (J)	48	+1	...	4.3	...
111	92	Lon O'Seas Frts	93	...	...	5.2	2.1
534	380	Mersey Docks	434	...	...	2.6	21.9
338	245	Natl Express	328	+1	...	2.9	20.4
291	179	NFC	202 †	-7	...	4.4	31.0
348	246	Ocean Group	269	...	...	6.7	13.3
91	58	Ocean Wilson	90	+4	...	5.0	10.3
743	597	P & O Dfd	702	-3	...	5.4	25.0
189	153	P & O 5 1/2%	187	-1	...	3.7	...
705	549	Powell Duffryn	583	-1	...	5.1	17.6
102	84	Seacon▲	86	...	...	3.4	19.3
206	158	Stagecoach	197	-1	...	2.6	∞
129	85½	TNT	125	...	...	...	...
915	803	Tibbet & Britn	855	...	14.2	2.1	23.0
79	27	Tiphook	35	-2	...	...	...
327	217	TDG	277	+2	...	5.3	15.0
132	98	Ugland	121 †	...	...	0.8	∞
180	95	Utd Carriers	101	...	...	...	...

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian Water	557 †	+13	...	5.1	14.5
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	296	...	...	4.9	10.0
751	508	Northumbrian	711 †	+27	...	4.3	7.7
611	454	North West	569 †	+17	...	5.1	8.5
645	457	Severn Trent	593 †	+17	...	4.8	8.3
682	466	Sthrn Water	595 †	+5	...	4.9	8.6
1673	1525	Sth Staffs	1673	...	...	3.9	11.1
675	484	South West	533 †	+10	...	6.0	7.9
611	434½	Thames Water	536½	+19½	...	5.2	9.2
744	546	Welsh Water	663 †	+17	...	4.8	7.3
759½	551	Wessex Water	664 †	+12	...	4.4	8.3
630	458	Yorkshire W	551 †	+16	...	5.2	8.3

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Treas 9% 1994	100	[illegible]	8.93	5.40
107	102½	Treas 12% 1995	102½	...	11.69	5.62
98	97½	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.05	5.42
107	103	Exch 10¼% 1995	103	[illegible]	9.92	6.37
113½	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	106	[illegible]	11.93	6.80
117	109	Treas 14% 1996	109	[illegible]	12.82	7.01
121	112	Treas 15¼% 1996	112	[illegible]	13.57	7.27
117	109½	Exch 13¼% 1996	109½	[illegible]	12.11	7.33
112	104	Conv 10% 1996	104	[illegible]	9.50	7.68
121	111½	Treas 13¼% 1997	111½	[illegible]	11.87	7.83
114	108	Exch 10½% 1997	105	[illegible]	9.95	7.94
110	101½	Treas 8¾% 1997	101½ †	[illegible]	8.62	8.14
131	118	Exch 15% 1997	118	[illegible]	12.66	8.24
114	103	Exch 9¾% 1998	103	[illegible]	9.38	8.35
106	96	Treas 7¼% 1998	96	[illegible]	7.51	8.33
102	94	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94	[illegible]	7.12	8.37
131½	116	Treas 14% 1998-01	116	[illegible]	11.97	8.57
140	123	Treas 15½% 1998	123	[illegible]	12.50	8.41
129½	111½	Exch 12% 1998	111	[illegible]	10.72	8.54
116	103	Treas 9½% 1999	103	[illegible]	9.20	8.54

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	89	Treas 6% 1999	90½ †	[illegible]	6.66	8.42
128½	113	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	[illegible]	10.82	8.67
121½	106	Treas 10½% 1999	107	[illegible]	9.81	8.63
121	105½	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	[illegible]	9.65	8.71
116	101½	Conv 9% 2000	101	[illegible]	8.87	8.65
136	118	Treas 13% 2000	118½	[illegible]	10.96	8.83
106	90½	Treas 7% 2001	91	[illegible]	7.69	8.66
122	104	Treas 10% 2001	105	[illegible]	9.48	8.84
123	103½	Treas 9¾% 2002	104½ †	[illegible]	9.30	8.86
113	94	Treas 8% 2003	95½	[illegible]	8.40	8.75
127	105	Treas 10% 2003	106½ †	[illegible]	9.36	8.86
129	110½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111½ †	[illegible]	10.28	9.05
86	71	Fund 3½% 1999-04	71	[illegible]	4.87	7.53
105½	85	Treas 6¾% 2004	87	[illegible]	7.76	8.66
125	103	Conv 9½% 2004	104	[illegible]	9.11	8.82
125½	103½	Conv 9½% 2005	104	[illegible]	9.07	8.77
143	119	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120	[illegible]	10.37	9.12
111½	93	Treas 8% 2002-06	94½	[illegible]	8.50	8.77
112	91½	Treas 7¾% 2006	92½ †	[illegible]	8.34	8.70
136	113½	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114	[illegible]	10.22	9.14
119	96	Treas 8½% 2007	98	[illegible]	8.64	8.69
151	125½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127½	[illegible]	10.60	9.12
124	101	Treas 9% 2008	102	[illegible]	8.78	8.66

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	93	Treas 8% 2009	94	[illegible]	8.47	8.65
126	101	Conv 9% 2011	103	[illegible]	8.72	8.62
127½	101	Treas 9% 2012	103	...	8.71	8.60
93½	72	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	[illegible]	7.49	8.38
114½	91½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	[illegible]	8.40	8.54
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	94	[illegible]	8.46	8.56
159½	127	Exch 12% 2013-17	129½	[illegible]	9.26	8.77
128½	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	102 †	[illegible]	8.58	8.53

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	40	[illegible]	8.58	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	28½	[illegible]	8.81	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203½	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	199 †	-½	2.45	3.77
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107½	[illegible]	3.67	3.49
176½	163½	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165½	[illegible]	3.29	3.72
173½	159½	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161½	[illegible]	3.41	3.76
118½	107½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108	[illegible]	3.41	3.74
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	[illegible]	3.48	3.74
168	149½	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152	[illegible]	3.54	3.77
175½	154½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	[illegible]	3.58	3.78
146½	126½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	[illegible]	3.60	3.78
157	134½	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138½	[illegible]	3.63	3.80
153	128½	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132½	[illegible]	3.67	3.82
129	106½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110½	[illegible]	3.65	3.79
128	105½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109½	[illegible]	3.69	3.83

York calls for review of parade rule

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

AS LOCHSONG prepared yesterday to begin a make-or-break ten-day holiday at her owner's stud, the controversy over the merit of mandatory parades for top races grew with York racecourse stewards leading the call for a thorough review.

Ian Balding, the trainer of Europe's champion sprinter, reported Jeff Smith's six-year-old mare to be none the worse for her exertions in the Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes, where she finished last after boiling over in the pre-race parade and bolting to the start.

"If she comes back and we feel she is all right we will go for the Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp, but if we have any doubts about her mental or physical well being we will retire her," the Kingsclere handler said.

Col Eddie York, chairman of the York stewards, yesterday prepared a report for the Jockey Club in which he expressed dissatisfaction with the system for sending sprinters to the start at ten-second intervals. "We have recommended that it should be looked at again and I would very much appreciate it if the disciplinary committee would look at the whole question of parades again."

The York race committee will consider the Nunthorpe debacle at its next meeting but John Smith, the clerk of the course, said: "Personally, I would be in favour of the parade being scrapped."

If any change is made to the parade rules, which were introduced earlier this year at the request of the British Horseracing Board (BHB), they will be recommended by the board's race planning committee, which is due to meet later this month.

Paul Greeves, the BHB's racing director, said yesterday: "I have spoken to David Oldrey, the committee chairman, and we will look at it but there is no great feeling at the moment that we need to take emergency action.

"We feel we have got a flexible system which can take account of almost every eventuality and is a balance between the needs of horses and their connections and the interests of the racing public.

"I do not think there will be any immediate radical change but we will see what lessons there are to be learned and whether to modify or refine the system within the existing rules."

He added: "The new rules were arrived at after careful thought but you have to take account of what happens in practice and this incident with Lochsong is very sad. She's our star isn't she?"

John Gosden reflected the widely held views of trainers yesterday when he said: "I have always been opposed to parades for sprinters. I do not think they are psychologically suited to it and they can just blow up. If you have a good paddock people can see the horses there.

"You can make a case for sending horses down at various intervals but, as York found out, it is difficult to achieve. They see one horse go down and they all want to go."

Gosden was speaking at Sandown yesterday when he was successful with the improving Manssai in the Cats 13th Year Handicap.

Lovely Millie's only defeat came when she finished fourth in the Cherry Hinton Stakes behind Red Carnival and Harayir, who now dominate the betting for next season's 1,000 Guineas. The David Loder-trained filly duly regained the winning habit in the day's feature race, the Sunset Boulevard Solario Stakes, but not before a nerve-wracking ten minutes for her connections.

A three-length lead at the furlong pole suddenly shortened as the effects of the Sandown hill and strong head wind began to take their toll and she and Sonic Boy flashed past the post together.

The photo-finish came down in Lovely Millie's favour by the narrowest margin only for connections of the runner-up to lodge an objection to the winner for allegedly taking their ground inside the final furlong. The stewards threw out the objection but, mysteriously, failed to enquire into an incident two furlongs out when Lovely Millie veered towards the rail and appeared to hamper the third-placed Fahal.

☐ David Nicholson, the champion National Hunt trainer, stages his open day tomorrow at Jackdaws' Castle, near Temple Guiting, in Gloucestershire. Gates open to the public at 9.30am and apart from the opportunity to see the stable stars on parade, including Viking Flagship and Barton Bank, there will be terrier racing and a falconry display.

JULIAN HERBERT



Ingozi, sheepskin noseband, fends off the close attention of her rivals in the Starlight Express Roller Mile at Sandown

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HOWARD'S END
(3.40 Sandown Park)

Next best: Princess Oberon
(4.15 Sandown Park)

Howard's End to double up

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3.10: New Century and Indian Light look closely matched and may battle out the finish. Henry Cecil's runner needed his first race at Yarmouth before going up to Beverley where he impressed, albeit against moderate opposition. I marginally prefer **Indian Light**, a son of 1989's top two-year-old, Be My Chief.

John Dunlop's colt appreciated the step up to seven furlongs when beating subsequent winner Wakeel at Newmarket, and he should benefit from today's mile trip. In contrast, Jibereen, a good winner at Salisbury last week, looks far from certain to get home over this stiff track.

3.40: Sea-Deer is one of my favourite handicappers but he has the worst possible draw and even Jack Holt's fast-improving sprinter will find it tough to win from stall one. A high draw is crucial with the stalls next to the far rail and the pair to make the most appeal are Jayannpee and Princess Oberon. After an unsuccessful attempt over six furlongs at Newbury, Jayannpee returns to his best trip and is only 5lb higher than when winning at Goodwood. However, I will side with **Princess Oberon** who returned to her best at Newbury last Saturday behind Ashtina having previously disappointed over six furlongs at Newmarket. Michael Bell's filly previously broke the track record at Newcastle and today's stiff five furlongs should be ideal, provided the rain stays away. Mister Jolson is the danger.

4.15: Howard's End won at Ripon earlier this month despite everything being against Henry Cecil's runner. Returning from a nine-week absence, he unseated his rider going to post and in the race was denied a clear run two furlongs out. However, he quickened well inside the distance and has been raised only 5lb. Although probably not the easiest of rides, he has good prospects of following up here. The Michael Stoute-trained Convoy Point disappointed at Newmarket two weeks ago, but could still be the main threat. Misty Silks is well handicapped but unproven over this trip.

4.45: Limosa is a tentative choice in an uninspiring contest where several of the runners are out of form or returning after a long absence. Fulke Johnson Houghton's filly has at least been running reasonably well of late and could appreciate the tough Sandown finish. Star Player is in form but wins rarely, while Reg Akehurst's Special Risk is far from certain to benefit from a first attempt at 14 furlongs.

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THURSDAY: Edinburgh (2.10), Lingfield Park (2.00), Worcester (2.20).
FRIDAY: Goodwood (BBC, 2.15), Newmarket (C4, 2.00), Thirsk (2.25)
SATURDAY: Goodwood (BBC, 2.00), Newcastle (2.15), Newmarket (C4, 2.10), Windsor (Sky, 5.15), Cartmel (2.00), Hereford (Sky, 5.30).
Flat meetings in bold

☐ Hoh Magic, Flowerdrum and Silka Blanca represent Britain in the group one Prix Morny at Deauville tomorrow. Francois Boutin, seeking his Morny in seven years, runs Expelled and Batista.

☐ Hernando, last year's French Derby winner, reappears in the Prix Gontaut-Biron at Deauville today. He faces four British raiders: Beneficial, Scribe, Blush Rambler and Lucky Lindy.

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CHESTER

THUNDERER
1.55 Shandine. 2.30 Sinners Reprieve. 3.00 Hunters Of Brora. 3.30 Duke Of Eurolink. 4.00 Saxon Maid. 4.30 Silver Thatching. 5.05 Sudood.

GOING: GOOD · SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F 122YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.55 LINENHALL CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £5,189: 6f 18yd) (4 runners)

1 (2) 2121 SHANDINE 72 (D,F,S) R Charlton 9-4 Pat Eddery 90
2 (1) 1532 MUNGUY 23 (B,BF,F) B Hanbury 8-13 B Raymond 88
3 (3) 2010 MASTER M-E-N 10 (B,F) J Berry 8-10 J Carroll 74
4 (4) 42 MOONLIGHT ACRE 10 M Stoute 8-10 D Holland 99

6-4 Shandine, 2-1 Moonlight Acre, 11-4 Munguy, 11-2 Master M-E-N.

2.30 ROWTON MOOR HANDICAP
(£7,460: 5f 16yd) (14)

1 (3) 4000 MAGIC PEARL 3 (D,S) E Alston 4-10-0 K Fallon 98
2 (10) 6250 MR M-E-N 22 (C,D,G,S) J Berry 3-9-13 P Roberts (7) 96
3 (7) 2201 BEAU VENTURE 14 (D,F,G,S) F Lee 5-9-13 R Lappin 97
4 (5) 2201 SINNERS REPRIEVE 10 (D,F,G) M H Easterby 3-9-12 M Birch 96
5 (13) 0660 MACFARLANE 14 (CD,G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 6-9-8 F Norton 93
6 (11) 1-31 LORD SKY 16 (D,F,S) A Bailey 3-9-5 D Wright (5) 93
7 (8) 0145 ALLLEGSNOBRAIN 8 (V,D,F) P Evans 3-9-5 V Halliday (7) 92
8 (14) 0016 PRINCE AZZAAN 11 (D,F) N Callaghan 3-9-4 Pat Eddery 98
9 (6) 0220 GONDO 4 (D,F,G,S) E Alston 7-9-1 D Holland 97
10 (12) -623 TINO TERE 22 (BF,DF,F,G) J Balding 5-9-0 L Piggott 97
11 (9) 0403 INDIAHRA 16 (D,G,S) R Hollinshead 3-8-12 K Darley 88
12 (4) 4202 ROCKY TWO 12 (B,D,G) B McMahon 3-8-10 B Raymond 93
13 (1) 2060 MANOR ADVENTURE 17 (D,G) P Dalton 4-8-9 S Sanders (5) 99
14 (2) 0564 LOCAL HEROINE 15 (V,CD,F) J Berry 4-8-6 J Carroll 97

6-1 Beau Venture, 7-1 Gondo, Sinners Reprieve, 10-1 Prince Azzaan, Macfarlane, Lord Sky, Tino Tere, 12-1 others.

3.00 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (£9,072: 7f 122yd) (14)

1 (4) 1300 HI NOD 23 (D,F,G) M Camacho 4-10-0 L Charnock 95
2 (11) 4402 SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 33 (CD,F,S) J Watts 6-9-13 G Duffield 92
3 (9) 2053 BALLAH SHACK 14 (D,F) G Lewis 3-9-9 Paul Eddery 97
4 (7) 2402 CEE-JAY-AY 14 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 7-9-5 J Carroll 94
5 (5) 1402 LAZIENIO 7 (BF,F,G) M Stoute 3-9-3 B Raymond 96
6 (8) 1001 VELOCE 8 (D,F,G) A Bailey 6-8-13 F Norton 96
7 (13) 4212 COMANCHE COMPANION 10 (F,G,S) T Naughton 4-8-13 V Halliday (7) 97
8 (10) 2261 CELESTIAL CHOIR 7 (D,F,G) J Eyre 4-8-11 L Piggott 96
9 (2) 5000 HUNTERS OF BRORA 14 (BF,CD,S) J Bethell 4-8-11 Pat Eddery 99
10 (6) 0003 JADE CITY 18 (F) J FitzGerald 4-8-10 K Fallon 97
11 (3) 0-00 BOLD ANGEL 8 (CD,F,S) M H Easterby 7-8-7 M Birch 91
12 (14) 245 LEGAL FICTION 74 M Johnston 3-8-6 A Proud 90
13 (12) 2400 GADGE 17 (S) D Morris 3-8-3 K Darley 91
14 (1) 0422 KUMMEL KING 8 (BF,D,F,G) E Alston 6-8-2 D Wright (5) 95

7-1 Lazienio, Hunters Of Brora, Bold Angel, 9-1 Ballah Shack, Cee-Jay-Ay, 10-1 Veloce, Commanche Companion, Jade City, 11-1 Sagebrush Roller, Celestial Choir, 12-1 Hi Nod, 14-1 Gadge, Kummel King, 33-1 Legal Fiction.

3.30 CHESTER RATED HANDICAP
(Listed race: £14,565: 1m 5f 89yd) (9)

1 (8) -602 SPINNING 8 (F,G) I Balding 7-9-7 R Cochrane 97
2 (7) 1054 SAFETY IN NUMBERS 42 (S) Lady Herries 4-9-7 T Ives 90
3 (4) 0-51 DUKE OF EUROLINK 22 (F,G) J Dunlop 5-9-5 Pat Eddery 98
4 (5) 3-60 LILLE HAMMER 22 (G,S) L Cumani 4-9-2 K Darley 97
5 (2) 0115 GLIDE PATH 22 (BF,F,G) J Hills 5-8-13 D Holland 90
6 (6) 1303 ESTIMRAAR 36 (F,G) H Thomson Jones 3-8-8 G Duffield 94
7 (1) 1310 SADLER'S IMAGE 25 (F,S) M Stoute 3-8-7 Paul Eddery 92
8 (3) 1242 MISBELIEF 10 (F) J Fanshawe 4-8-7 K Fallon 95
9 (9) -305 JOHNS ACT 15 (S) D Haydn Jones 4-8-7 A Mackay 90

7-2 Duke Of Eurolink, 5-1 Spinning, Glide Path, Sadler's Image, Misbelief, 7-1 Safety In Numbers, 8-1 others.

4.00 ROUGE ROSE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,153: 1m 4f 66yd) (7)

1 (7) 0 CUT AND RUN 121 J Fanshawe 8-11 K Fallon 74
2 (6) DEERLET J Gosden 8-11 G Duffield –
3 (5) 34 FULL ECLIPSE 12 R Hollinshead 8-11 T Ives 70
4 (2) 5434 NOBLISSIMA 45 J Dunlop 8-11 B Raymond 98
5 (1) 054 SAXON MAID 14 L Cumani 8-11 K Darley 94
6 (4) 45 SEAWARD 14 J Gosden 8-11 J Carroll 90
7 (3) 44 TOURING 21 H Cecil 8-11 Pat Eddery 99

2-1 Deerlet, 3-1 Saxon Maid, 4-1 Touring, 5-1 Nobilissima, 6-1 Seaward, 10-1 Cut And Run, 14-1 Full Eclipse.

4.30 LEVY BOARD NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,923: 7f 2yd) (9)

1 (9) 640 DARMAKEY 19 (V) M Stoute 9-7 B Raymond 87
2 (8) 0160 FUTURISTIC BRENT 15 (C,F) G Lewis 9-4 Paul Eddery 92
3 (3) 3202 Q FACTOR 12 (B) D Haydn Jones 9-1 A Mackay 91
4 (5) 251 BUSY BANANA 18 (F) R Hannon 8-13 K Darley 95
5 (7) 0542 TREMBLING 15 P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 90
6 (6) 6140 SCISSOR RIDGE 10 (BF,D,B) M Channon 8-7 J Carroll 91
7 (1) 2014 WHAT A NIGHTMARE 28 (D,G) J Glover 7-11 D Wright (5) 98
8 (4) 0100 SILVER THATCHING 28 (G) J Berry 7-11 F Norton 99
9 (2) 0434 BORROWBY 9 (B) M W Easterby 7-7 L Charnock 95

4-1 Trembling, 9-2 Busy Banana, 5-1 Q Factor, 6-1 Borrowby, 7-1 Darmakey, 8-1 Scissor Ridge, What A Nightmare, 10-1 others.

5.05 PARADISE MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,396: 7f 2yd) (12)

1 (5) 00 DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 8 P Felgate 4-9-4 G Duffield –
2 (4) 0300 PERTEMPS FLYER 50 B McMahon 3-8-13 K Fallon 71
3 (9) 5455 PYRAMUS 1 Mrs L Piggott 3-8-13 L Piggott 88
4 (6) 0 SHOAQ ALBARR 99 J Gosden 3-8-13 B Raymond –
5 (8) 2 SUDOOD 84 J Gosden 3-8-13 J Carroll 99
6 (1) 20 TOVARICH 14 W Hern 3-8-13 T Sprake 78
7 (3) 6 ZARALASKA 16 L Cumani 3-8-13 K Darley 75
8 (2) LADY RENTON R Lee 3-8-8 F Norton –
9 (12) 60 LOVELY ME 14 R Johnson Houghton 3-8-8 D Holland 74
10 (11) 0 ROSINA'S FOLLY 14 R Hollinshead 3-8-8 A Eddery (7) 70
11 (10) 32 SILVER CAP 105 (BF) P Cole 3-8-8 T Quinn 92
12 (7) 00 WOOD MELODY 99 J Glover 3-8-8 S D Williams –

7-4 Sudood, 9-2 Silver Cap, 5-1 Shoaq Albarr, 6-1 Zaralaska, 10-1 Tovarich, 12-1 Pyramus, Pertemps Flyer, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 12 winners from 39 runners, 30.8%; J Gosden, 16 from 54, 29.6%; G Lewis, 6 from 21, 28.6%; M Stoute, 14 from 56, 25.0%; R Hannon, 15 from 64, 23.4%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 25 winners from 93 rides, 26.9%; G Duffield, 7 from 29, 24.1%; R Cochrane, 4 from 20, 20.0%; T Quinn, 10 from 52, 19.2%; Paul Eddery, 10 from 57, 17.5%.

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER
5.40 Spanish Storm. 6.10 Rip The Calico. 6.40 Ericolin. 7.10 Deep Dark Dawn. 7.40 Bahrain Queen. 8.10 Memorable.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

5.40 LADIES NIGHT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,512: 2m 1f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 05 AISLABIE AIRBORNE 7 T Clement 5-11-0 P McLoughlin
2 /0- FUSION 668 G Oldroyd 10-11-0 P Midgley
3 0- SPANISH STORM 14F S Woods 5-11-0 P Hide
4 44-2 SECRET FORMULA 7 T Greathead 4-10-11 R Davis
5 4-55 MRS NORMAN 14 Mrs N Macauley 5-10-9 S Wynne

4-6 Secret Formula, 3-1 Mrs Norman, 6-1 Spanish Storm, 10-1 Fusion, 14-1 Aislabie Airborne.

6.10 TOTE NOVICES CHASE (£3,366: 2m 4f) (6)

1 P-44 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 7 (G) K Wingrove 7-11-0 J Ryan
2 /0P- CHARLIE MCCARTHY 108 J Mulhall 6-11-0 N Williamson
3 02-3 FAMOUS DANCER 10 (S) J Jenkins 6-11-0 J Railton
4 SP5- FIRST LORD 119 (G,S) Mrs V Aconley 8-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
5 6-54 HOSTETLER 7 (S) K Bridgwater 5-10-11 D Bridgwater
6 23-3 RIP THE CALICO 21 (F) J Spearing 6-10-9 Miss C Spearing (7)

6-4 Famous Dancer, 3-1 Rip The Calico, 4-1 First Lord, 5-1 Hostetler, 8-1 Applianceofscience, 20-1 Charlie McCarthy.

6.40 INTERFLORA SELLING HURDLE
(£1,831: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 2-22 ERICOLIN 10 (BF,G,S) N Tinkler 11-8 M Dwyer
2 33P- LEEWA 109 W Muir 10-12 M Richards
3 PLEASE SAY YES 3F J Mooney 10-12 M Robinson
4 ROSSINGTON 7F I Campbell 10-12 R Campbell
5 SCHOOL OF SCIENCE 31F T Caldwell 10-12 Peter Caldwell
6 P-34 STREPHON 3F (B) J O'Neill 10-12 A Roche (5)
7 00-0 TTYFRAN 7 B Baugh 10-12 P McLoughlin (5)
8 120- WATER DIVINER 12F (F) K Wingrove 10-12 J Ryan
9 50-4 OMIDJOY 15 (B) J Jenkins 10-7 N Williamson

5-4 Ericolin, 5-1 Strephon, 5-1 Water Diviner, 8-1 Omidjoy, 10-1 Leewa, 12-1 Rossington, Ttyfran, 20-1 others.

7.10 SINGLETON BIRCH HANDICAP CHASE (£3,823: 2m 1f 110yd) (5) SKY

1 40-1 DEEP DARK DAWN 7 (CD,F,G) John R Upson 9-12-0 R Supple
2 1F5- TIGERS PET 320 (CD,F,G) W Bissill 10-11-12 M Dwyer
3 P00- SILVER HAZE 116 (D,F,S) J Wade 10-10-6 K Jones
4 335- MOULTON BULL 184 (F) M Chapman 8-10-3 W Worthington
5 31-2 WAYWARD WIND 15 (BF,CD,F) J White 10-10-0 P McLoughlin (5)

4-6 Deep Dark Dawn, 9-2 Wayward Wind, 6-1 Tigers Pet, 7-1 Moulton Bull, 10-1 Silver Haze.

7.40 LINDUM CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,746: 2m 5f 110yd) (7) SKY

1 511- CRANK SHAFT 82 (F,G) J Quinn 7-12-0 D Byrne
2 014- BAHRAIN QUEEN 84 (CD,F,G) C Smith 6-10-7 M Ranger
3 44-4 RECORD LOVER 21 (F) M Chapman 4-10-6 W Worthington
4 53-2 CHARLAFRIVOLA 7 (B) T Greathead 6-10-0 W Humphreys
5 40-F THE CAN CAN MAN 21 (B) J Mooney 7-10-0 M Robinson
6 4P-6 MARA ASKARI 10F (V,G) M Bielby 6-10-0 M Brennan
7 0P0- NEGATORY 9F (C,G,S) M Chapman 7-10-0 T Wall

5-4 Crank Shaft, 5-2 Charlafrivola, 9-2 Bahrain Queen, 6-1 Record Lover, 14-1 Mara Askari, 33-1 The Can Can Man, 50-1 Negatory.

8.10 ROTARY CLUB JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,625: 2m 1f 110yd) (9) SKY

1 FRANKLY MY DEAR 8F J J O'Neill 10-12 A Roche (5)
2 MEMORABLE 14F J Hetherton 10-12 D Byrne
3 ORINOCO VENTURE 18F S Woods 10-12 P Hide (3)
4 ROYAL CREST 23F M Camacho 10-12 M Dwyer
5 4 TORDO 14 C Mann 10-12 C Llewellyn
6 A SUITABLE GIRL 11F (B) G Eden 10-7 R Campbell
7 F CAPITAL LADY 21 B Rothwell 10-7 R Supple
8 CHINA'S PEARL 17F Mrs N Macauley 10-7 N Williamson
9 LAND OF NOD Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-7 W Dwan

3-1 Tordo, 7-2 Memorable, 5-1 Frankly My Dear, 6-1 Land Of Nod, Orinoco Venture, 7-1 Royal Crest, 12-1 A Suitable Girl, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J White, 6 winners from 16 runners, 37.5%; N Tinkler, 19 from 65, 29.2%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 19 from 88, 21.6%; J Upson, 5 from 26, 19.2%; I Campbell, 4 from 22, 18.2%; J J O'Neill, 5 from 36, 13.9%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 8 winners from 29 rides, 27.6%; M Dwyer, 14 from 72, 19.4%; D Byrne, 10 from 65, 15.4%; R Campbell, 4 from 28, 14.3%; J Ryan, 4 from 31, 12.9%; R Supple, 7 from 61, 11.5%.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
2.00 Evaporate. 2.35 Blue Lion. 3.10 Indian Light. 3.40 INHERENT MAGIC (nap). 4.15 Howard's End. 4.45 Lunar Risk. 5.20 From Beyond.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 HELLO MISTER.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 New Century.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F - fell. P - pulled up. U - unseated rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B - blinkers. V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and distance winner. BF - beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM · DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST · SIS

2.00 BUTLIN'S HOLIDAYS SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,900: 7f 16yd) (12 runners)

101 (1) 251420 DUNGEON DANCER 15 (V,D,F) (Classicstone) M Channon 9-7 R Painter (5) 93
102 (4) 063 KINGS VISION 15 (Lord Leverhulme) R Johnson Houghton 9-2 R Hills 91
103 (7) 532 ZIFFANY 38 (Lady Nelson of Stafford) M Tompkins 9-2 P Robinson 87
104 (6) 003 FOALBA 43 (J Davey Beverton) B Meehan 9-1 B Doyle (3) 99
105 (2) 004 EVAPORATE 10 (Western Solvents) A Foster 8-13 Stephen Davies (3) 95
106 (12) 531284 BITCH 14 (F) (Roldvale Ltd) G Lewis 8-10 A McGlone 94
107 (3) 656000 SAXON HEIR 7 (B) (T Barker) M Usher 8-10 R Street 98
108 (5) 4200 PRESTO BOY 9 (R Green) M Bell 8-9 M Fenton (3) 94
109 (10) 0460 DON'T FORGET RUBY 25 (J Gollin) D Arbuthnot 8-8 W Woods 98
110 (8) 40238 GREEN GREEN RUBY 28 (D Allen) G L Moore 8-7 A Clark 95
111 (11) 656365 CEDAR DANCER 28 (R Hodges) R Hodges 8-3 R Perham 88
112 (9) 300 GIMINGHAM GLORY 48 (Gimingham Group) R Whitaker 7-13 G Bardwell 93

BETTING: 11-2 Bitch, 6-1 Kings Vision, Don't Forget Ruby, 7-1 Foalba, Evaporate, 8-1 Ziffany, Dungeon Dancer, 10-1 others.

1993: SHERIFF 9-4 J Williams (16-1) J Hills 16 ran

2.35 BISON 75TH ANNIVERSARY AMATEUR RIDERS CONDITIONS GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£3,551: 1m 2f 7yd) (8 runners)

201 (2) 413053 AWESOME POWER 15 (D,G) (G Freyne) J Hills 8-11-8 S Arstein 85
202 (5) 23-5232 BLUE LION 28 (D,F) (Sheikh A Al-Maktoum) G Wragg 4-11-8 Miss A Harwood 99
203 (8) 040000- FORTUNE STAR 268J (B,S) (J Bridger) J Bridger 5-11-8 Miss M Bridger (4) –
204 (3) 0- JACKSONS BAY 162J (Barrow Boys Racing) R Rowe 4-11-8 Mrs M Grantham –
205 (4) MENDIP SON 213J (Mrs B Davis) R Simpson 4-11-8 E Williams –
206 (1) 044000- RAGS ASSAYF 341 (Mrs S Teal) P Mitchell 4-11-8 R Teal 50
207 (6) 46 SYDNEY BARRY 8 (D) (P Jones) R Buckler 9-11-8 G Hogan 50
208 (7) 114320 CAPTAIN SCARLET 10 (F,G,S) (P O'Sullivan) B Meehan 3-11-6 DOUBTFUL –

BETTING: 2-5 Blue Lion, 5-1 Awesome Power, 16-1 Sydney Barry, 33-1 Jacksons Bay, Fortune Star, Rags Assayf, 40-1 Mendip Son.

1993: RIVER BOYNE 3-11-0 Miss A Harwood (4-6 fav) G Harwood 17 ran

3.10 COPACABANA CONDITIONS GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £4,316: 1m 14yd) (7 runners) C4

301 (7) 21 INDIAN LIGHT 22 (G) (Lord Swaythling) J Dunlop 8-13 W Carson 96
302 (6) 31 NEW CENTURY 10 (F) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) H Cecil 8-13 W Ryan 88
303 (4) 422164 POLY AMANSHAA 24 (G) (Sheet & Roll Convertors) M Channon 8-13 R Painter (5) 93
304 (2) 61 JIBEREEN 9 (S) (HH Princess Dalal Al-Saud) G Lewis 8-11 S Whitworth 99
305 (3) 412 JOHN LEE HOOKER 42 (BF,F) (C Wright) D Arbuthnot 8-11 W Woods 89
306 (1) 0 PLATINUM PLUS 7 (W Gredley) G Rimmer 8-11 G Hind –
307 (5) 203 REEFA'S MILL 42 (D Lewis) R Simpson 8-11 B Doyle (3) 95

BETTING: 7-4 Indian Light, 9-4 New Century, 7-2 Poly Amanshaa, 6-1 Jibereen, 7-1 John Lee Hooker, 12-1 Reefa's Mill, 25-1 Platinum Plus.

1993: BLAZE AWAY 8-13 S O'Gorman (6-1) I Balding 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

INDIAN LIGHT beat Wakeel 1½l in 16-runner maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). NEW CENTURY beat Blomberg 1¼l in 13-runner maiden at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm). POLY AMANSHAA 6¾l 4th to Bedivere in conditions race at Catterick (7f, good). Earlier beat JOHN LEE HOOKER (6lb better off) 2l in 10-runner conditions race at Lingfield (7f, good). JIBEREEN beat Pomeroi 3½l in 10-runner maiden auction at Salisbury (6f, good to soft). REEFA'S MILL 3l 3rd to Percy Braithwaite in York conditions race (7f, good to firm).
Selection: INDIAN LIGHT

3.40 SUNLEY FOUNDATION RATED HANDICAP (£6,900: 5f 6yd) (14 runners) C4

401 (12) 215400 EL YASAF 2 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Haughton) B Meehan 6-9-7 B Doyle (3) 89
402 (9) 233444 NO EXTRAS 14 (CD,F,G,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-8-13 A Clark 90
403 (14) 266455 GORINSKY 14 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 6-8-13 G Hind 92
404 (7) 13-2206 INHERENT MAGIC 14 (D,G) (Mrs S Stowold) M McCormack 5-8-12 W Woods 93
405 (4) 036146 LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 49 (CD,F,G,S) (E Young) M H-Ellis 6-8-12 S Davies (3) 89
406 (3) 1-23052 JADE PET 8 (D,F,G) (G Greenwood) R Hannon 3-8-8 R Hills 92
407 (1) 511311 SEA-DEER 24 (D,F,G,S) (P Cook) L Holt 5-8-7 A McGlone 92
408 (5) 000-113 DOMULLA 6 (G,S) (A Boon) R Akehurst 4-8-7 R Moogan (7) 88
409 (11) 141164 PRINCESS OBERON 7 (CD,F,G) (R Michaelson) M Bell 4-8-7 M Fenton (3) 99
410 (2) 305-500 BOLD LEZ 7 (CD,F,G,S) (Assets of Watford) M Haynes 7-8-7 W Carson 93
411 (10) 531550 MISTER JOLSON 21 (D,F,G,S) (J Morsell) R Hodges 5-8-7 R Perham 93
412 (8) 000100 NEITHER NOR 7 (C,F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 5-8-7 N Gwilliams 89
413 (6) 515262 HELLO MISTER 3 (CD,F,G,S) (B Millam) J O'Donoghue 3-8-6 P McCabe (5) 99
414 (13) 062110 JAYANNPEE 8 (D,F,G) (J Paniccia) I Balding 3-8-5 W Ryan 89

Long handicap: Princess Oberon 8-6, Bold Lez 8-4, Mister Jolson 8-4, Neither Nor 8-1.

BETTING: 6-1 Sea-Deer, 7-1 Gorinsky, Jayannpee, 8-1 Domulla, Inherent Magic, 10-1 Princess Oberon, 11-1 No Extras, Jade Pet, 12-1 Hello Mister, Lord High Admiral, 14-1 others.

1993: GORINSKY 5-9-7 T Quinn (9-2) J Berry 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

EL YASAF 8¼l 9th of 10 to Blue Siren (demoted to 2nd) in the group I Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes at York (5f, good to firm). NO EXTRAS about 2¾l 4th of 17 to Betty Green in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). GORINSKY 3l 5th of 12 to Bear Venture at Haydock (5f, good) with INHERENT MAGIC short head 6th.
LORD HIGH ADMIRAL about 3l 6th of 10 to Magic Orb over course and distance (good to firm). JADE PET neck 2nd of 15 to Hawaiian Dream in apprentices' handicap at Newbury (6f, good) with DOMULLA (3lb better off) 2½l 3rd and JAYANNPEE (1lb better off) 12¼l 10th. SEA-DEER beat Eagle Day 1¼l in 10-runner handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to firm). PRINCE OBERON about 3l 4th of 12 to Ashtina in a handicap at Newbury (5f, good) with HELLO MISTER (2lb better off) 3l 6th and BOLD LEZ (3lb better off) ½l 7th.
HELLO MISTER 1¼l 2nd of 12 to Insider Trader in handicap at York (5f, good to firm). JAYANNPEE beat Sweet Magic neck in an 11-runner handicap at Goodwood (5f, firm) on penultimate start with JADE PET (3lb better off) about 2l 5th.
Selection: GORINSKY

4.15 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP (£4,510: 1m 2f 7yd) (12 runners) C4

501 (3) 1-25000 JAZEEL 22 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-9-10 R Hills 94
502 (12) 5221 HOWARD'S END 19 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-9-7 W Ryan 89
503 (11) 523116 CONVOY POINT 14 (D,F,G) (Sultan Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-6 M Fenton (3) 92
504 (2) 426445 DANGER POINT 22 (G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) R Hannon 3-9-5 A McGlone 95
505 (5) 450-260 PELORUS 42 (D,F,S) (Miss V Owen) D Elsworth 9-9-5 B Doyle (3) 91
506 (10) 13-0501 PURSUIT OF GLORY 70 (CD,G) (G Leigh) C Cyzer 3-9-4 W Woods 90
507 (6) 051024 DEEVEE 25 (F,G,S) (D Tanner) C Benstead 5-9-2 J Williams 93
508 (8) 166044 MISTY SILKS 10 (G,S) (P Axon) M Ryan 4-9-2 P Robinson 97
509 (7) 014200 ZERMATT 7 (S) (Clairlux Guest) M Usher 4-9-1 R Perham 96
510 (4) 241023 TANBIH 31 (BF,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 3-8-9 W Carson 97
511 (1) 0-163 SALSIFIS 24 (S) (P Deal) H Candy 3-8-9 W Newnes 93
512 (9) 315445 SWIFT SILVER 12 (D,G,S) (The On The Floor Partnership) W Musson 7-8-6 G Hind 99

BETTING: 7-2 Howard's End, 11-2 Tanbih, 7-1 Convoy Point, Danger Point, Misty Silks, 10-1 Pursuit Of Glory, Deevee, Swift Silver, 14-1 others.

1993: JAZILAH 5-9-1 T Quinn (5-1) R Akehurst 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOWARD'S END beat Moving Arrow neck in 12-runner handicap at Ripon (1m 1f, good). CONVOY POINT, completed double, beat Bone Troppo 2½l in 7-runner handicap at Newcastle (1m 2l, firm) on penultimate start. DANGER POINT 5l 5th of 10 to Frustration in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 2l, firm) with JAZEEL (2lb better off) 8l 9th. DEEVEE short head 2nd of 13 to Red Earth in a handicap at Newbury (1m, good to firm) with ZERMATT (11lb better off) 11l 10th and MISTY SILKS (9lb better off) 1l 11th. TANBIH short-head and 3l 3rd of 11 to Karachi in a handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2l, good).
Selection: HOWARD'S END (nap)

4.45 CRAZY FOR YOU HANDICAP (£4,190: 1m 6f) (11 runners) C4

601 (5) 030104 STAR PLAYER 14 (D,F,G) (P Smith) R Baker 8-10-0 P Robinson 96
602 (4) 060000 BRANDON PRINCE 8 (B,C,F,G,S) (R Michaelson) I Balding 6-9-10 W Ryan 99
603 (1) 451- KARAR 156J (F) (Mrs M Simpson) R Rowe 4-9-10 M Perrett –
604 (2) 4/5143-0 MARADONNA 21 (S) (R Gander) C Cyzer 5-8-3 W Woods 90
605 (7) 2135 LIFE AT SEA 110 (BF,S) (Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 3-9-2 T G McLaughlin (5) 93
606 (8) 410004 LUNAR RISK 14 (D,F,G) (Copyforce) Miss B Sanders 4-8-4 W Newnes 89
607 (9) 8-52135 LIMOSA 18 (BF,F) (Mrs P Robeson) R Johnson Houghton 3-7-13 A McGlone 96
608 (6) 0040-00 SPRINGTIME AFFAIR 8 (Clarendon Park Stud) B Meehan 3-7-7 N Adams 95
609 (11) 050322 WOODMANS STAR 17 (Mrs E Sheehan) J Sheehan 4-7-7 M Baird (7) 89
610 (10) 055100- POETIC FORM 337 (B,D,G) (Trojan Racing) C Weedon 4-7-7 A Glozier 85
611 (3) 212322 SPECIAL RISK 24 (G,S) (M Lee Partnership) R Akehurst 4-7-7 G Bardwell 89

Long handicap: Springtime Affair 7-5, Woodmans Star 7-4, Poetic Form 7-4, Special Risk 7-2.

BETTING: 7-2 Special Risk, 9-2 Life At Sea, 6-1 Star Player, 7-1 Lunar Risk, Brandon Prince, Limosa, 8-1 Woodmans Star, 10-1 others.

1993: WINGS COVE 3-8-6 J Williams (12-1) Lady Herries 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

STAR PLAYER 3¾l 4th of 9 to Solomon's Dancer in handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good). BRANDON PRINCE 15l 7th of 8 to Captain Jack in handicap at Newbury (2m, good). KARAR beat Nordic Crown neck in a 9-runner maiden at Dundalk (1m 4f, good to firm) last season.
MARADONNA 8l 3rd of 13 to Shujan in a handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good) on penultimate start. LIFE AT SEA ¾l 2nd of 8 to Northern Union in a handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good) on penultimate start. LIMOSA best effort beat Most Beautiful 5l in an 11-runner handicap at Folkestone (1m 7f 92yd, good to firm).
Selection: STAR PLAYER

5.20 MACKINTOSH FOUNDATION MAIDEN FILLIES GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £3,551: 1m 14yd) (15 runners)

1 (15) 0 AUDREY GRACE 21 (P Dean) B Meehan 8-11 B Doyle (3) –
2 (4) 5-2332 BALAABEL 21 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 R Hills 99
3 (8) 4-5 CASHEW 21 (Lord Vestey) R Phillips 8-11 R Perham 79
4 (1) 00 CYPRUS POINT 19 (Lord Derby) J Gosden 8-11 G Hind –
5 (14) 22 FROM BEYOND 26 (BF) (S Niarchos) R Charlton 8-11 S Raymont 94
6 (13) 23 GLITTER OF GOLD 19 (Skellorisk) S Williams 8-11 W Woods 83
7 (6) 00 KALA STAR 10 (Mrs B Davis) R Simpson 8-11 S Whitworth –
8 (3) 003-4 LADY VALENSINA 9 (Food Brokers) D Elsworth 8-11 W Newnes 83
9 (11) LAS ANIMAS (G Ohrstrom) Mrs J Cecil 8-11 A Clark –
10 (10) MISTRESS GWYN (P Pritchard) M Stoute 8-11 W Ryan –
11 (2) MONEEFA (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 8-11 A McGlone –
12 (5) 60 NADRA 12 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11 W Carson 74
13 (12) RITA'S SOFA (R Cotton) Mrs A Jenny 8-11 G Bardwell –
14 (9) SATIN STARLET (J McGrane) C Wildman 8-11 N Adams –
15 (7) WAR O' THE ROSES (B) (J Todd) J Akehurst 8-11 P Robinson –

BETTING: 7-2 Moneefa, 4-1 From Beyond, 5-1 Mistress Gwyn, Glitter of Gold, 6-1 Balaabel, 8-1 Lady Valensina, 12-1 Las Animas, 14-1 others.

1993: JAVA QUEEN 8-11 S O'Gorman (12-1) I Balding 12 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gosden	18	81	22.2	G Hind	3	15	20.0
J Berry	11	55	20.0	Pat Eddery	55	281	19.6
H Thomson Jones	5	25	20.0	W Ryan	8	50	16.0
J Dunlop	17	106	16.0	W Carson	29	224	12.9
H Cecil	12	75	16.0				
M Stoute	24	151	15.9	Only qualifiers			

Lane retains lead after suffering early scare

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

AT A professional tournament, eagles, birdies and an *occasional albatross* are par for the course. You do not expect to see a Ryder Cup player top his ball 80 yards into a lake. Nor do *you expect* one professional to take a ten and another to run up an 11. Yet these aberrations and more were on display at the Forest of Arden in the second round of the Murphy's English Open yesterday.

Barry Lane, with a two-iron shot from the second tee, saw his shot travel just 80 yards. He dug out a divot the size of a sandwich behind the ball and watched in embarrassment as it trundled to its watery grave.

"I cannot remember hitting a worst shot," Lane said. "I daren't look at my father, who was watching, because he would have said: 'It's not a bad *shot for him*'."

Yet Lane got away with it. He dropped back from the water, hit a screaming two-*iron to 15* feet and holed for a bogey. He then scored birdies at the next two holes and three other holes later on and, after *adding a 69 to his opening 66*, leads the tournament by one stroke from Costantino Rocca, of Italy.

The *ten* was scored by *Terry* Price, an Australian, also on the 2nd hole. At 361 yards, this hole is the second shortest par four on the course, but very difficult, calling for a particularly accurate tee shot. Price was not equal to the task. The sequence of his play on this hole was as follows: drive, penalty drop, failed to reach the fairway, onto the fairway, over the green, penalty drop, chip short, chip onto the green and two putts. Easy really.

Brian Nelson, of the United States, was the last-minute replacement who was called in when *Carl Mason withdrew* with a bad back early on Thursday morning. Nelson joined Sam Torrance and Ian Woosnam, an exalted pairing this week, and might have wished to be in a less conspicuous group when he ran up an 11 on the 12th hole. Three times, he hit into the water. Like his namesake, he would have liked to have turned a blind eye.

Nelson's 11 rounded out a high-scoring sequence. At one time or another in the first two rounds, there was every score up to 11 with the exception of a one. In his 83, which he would attribute to tiredness after playing in last week's US PGA Championship, *Mark James* had every figure from three to seven inclusive, some several times.

At 12.30pm, the click of the microphone cut through the still air at this Midlands course, momentarily drown*ing out the drone of traffic* from the nearly M6: "On the tee, Philip Parkin, Mid-Wales Golf Range," Ivor Robson, the starter, said. Parkin was about to begin one of the most important rounds of his life to try and beat the cut after his opening score of 68, four under par.

Nearly five hours later, *Parkin signed for a 75 that* included a seven on a par five, a couple of bogies, 14 pars and one birdie. It was good enough *for him to reach the third* round of a tournament in Britain for the first time in three years and that was cause for a celebration.

Nevertheless, you would not have known it. Parkin had his head down as he stood by the 18th green recounting the details of the slow play warning his group had received on the *7th tee. This prompted him to* hurry so much he lost his head and took that seven and to fail to hole four putts of less *than ten feet on the next three* holes.

"I am ecstatic," he said with hardly a glimmer of a smile. It rounded off a good day for Parkin and his country. The six Welshman who had entered had all made the cut.

IAN HODGSON



Lane sets about recovering from his early troubles

Speak crowned champion after final flourish

By Patricia Davies

IF THERE was one person who was not going to win the British women's amateur strokeplay championship at Woodhall Spa, it seemed to be Kirsty Speak, of Clitheroe, who was six over par with five holes of the last round to play yesterday afternoon. However, it is always unwise to write off a Lancastrian and three birdies and an eagle later, Speak had won her first British title with a total of 297, one over par.

Eileen Rose Power, Speak's Irish Curtis Cup *team-mate, finished second,* two shots behind, after finishing with two steady rounds of 74, level par. Terri McKinnon, of Australia, and Marina Arruti, of Spain, first and second after three rounds, slipped back to share third place on 300.

Speak played in the US women's amateur championship last week after making her debut in the Curtis Cup in Chattanooga. She birdied three holes in a row from the 14th, holing sizeable putts of 30 feet at the 15th and 20 feet at the 16th, and missed another birdie by a whisker at the 17th. At the last, she hit her five-wood second shot through the back of the green but chipped in from 30 feet to end the contest.

On the 14th tee, Speak's *mother, Jean Anne, her faithful* trolley puller, said, "I didn't realise there was so far to go. You can still do it." A *further incentive was provid*ed by a friend, who promised Speak a pint of Pimm's if she had three birdies coming home. The eagle counted double.

After nine holes, it looked as though Arruti would become the first Spanish winner of the championship. She was one under par, four ahead of McKinnon, her playing partner, who had gone out in 40, four over par. Power and Martina Fischer, the European champion, from Germany. Speak was five strokes adrift.

However, Arruti started zig-zagging the course and dropped five shots coming home, making unnecessary the work of the Spanish emissary who was covering *miles keeping her informed* of what was happening ahead — there were no leaderboards over the closing *holes, making a bit of a* magical mystery play of the proceedings as far as the players were concerned.

The first to emerge as a likely champion was Power, from Kilkenny, who had played beautifully throughout an increasingly blustery day and was a little unlucky when a birdie putt at the 17th sat on the lip. Then two over par, she had her supporters praying madly as she struggled her sand-strewn way up the 18th — she drove into a bunker and put her second into another, before taking three to get down from the front edge.

Speak's victory earned her *a place in the Great Britain* and Ireland side to play in the Espirito Santo, the world amateur team champion*ship, in Paris, from Septem*ber 28 to October 1, alongside Julie Hall, of Felixstowe Ferry, and Janice Moodie, of Windyhill. Lisa Walton, of Calcot Park, and Power are the reserves.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

TODAY

kick-off 3.0 unless stated
** all-ticket match*
Pools coupon numbers in brackets

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership

(1) Arsenal v Man City
(2) Chelsea v Norwich
(3) Coventry v Wimbledon
(4) Crystal Palace v Liverpool
(5) Everton v Aston Villa
(6) Ipswich v Nottm Forest
(7) Man Utd v QPR
(8) Sheff Wed v Tottenham
*(9) * Southampton v Blackburn*
(10) West Ham v Leeds United

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

(11) Bolton v Bristol City
(12) Burnley v Stoke
(13) Charlton v Barnsley
(14) Derby v Luton
(15) Port Vale v Oldham
(16) Reading v Portsmouth
(17) Southend v Middlesbrough
(18) Sunderland v Millwall
(19) Tranmere v Swindon
(20) Watford v Grimsby

Second division

(21) Birmingham v Chester
(22) Bournemouth v Blackpool
(23) Bradford v Leyton Orient
(24) Brentford v Peterborough
(25) Brighton v Plymouth
(26) Bristol Rovers v York
(27) Cambridge v Stockport
(28) Cardiff v Oxford Utd
(29) Crewe v Rotherham
(30) * Huddersfield v Wycombe
(31) Hull v Swansea
(32) Shrewsbury v Wrexham

Third division

(33) Doncaster v Northampton Town
(34) Exeter v Bury
(35) * Hartlepool v Darlington
(36) Hereford v Preston
(37) Mansfield Town v Colchester
(38) Rochdale v Chesterfield
(39) Scarborough v Barnet
(40) Scunthorpe v Fulham
(41) Torquay v Carlisle
(42) Walsall v Lincoln
(43) Wigan v Gillingham

GM Vauxhall Conference

(44) Bromsgrove v Southport
(-) Dover v Telford
(45) Farnborough Town v Kidderminster
(46) Gateshead v Bath
(47) Macclesfield v Welling
(-) Northwich v Merthyr
(-) Runcorn v Kettering
(-) Stafford v Stevenage Borough
(-) Stalybridge v Dag and Redbridge
(-) Woking v Halifax
(-) Yeovil v Altrincham

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division

(48) Aberdeen v Falkirk
(49) Celtic v Dundee Utd
(50) Hibernian v Kilmarnock
(51) Motherwell v Hearts
(52) Partick v Rangers

First division

(53) Airdrie v St Johnstone
(54) Ayr v St Mirren
(55) Clydebank v Dunfermline
(56) Dundee v Stranraer
(57) Raith v Hamilton

Second division

(58) Brechin v Berwick
(-) Meadowbank v Morton
(-) Queen of South v Clyde
(-) Stenhousemuir v East Fife
(-) Stirling v Dumbarton

Third division

Albion v Montrose
Caledonian Thistle v Queen's Park
Cowdenbeath v Arbroath
East Stirling v Ross County
Forfar v Alloa

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Hitchin; Carshalton v *Wokingham, Chesham v Slough; Grays v* Walton and Hersham; Harrow v Dulwich; Hendon v Sutton Utd; Kingstonian v Hayes, Marlow v St Albans; Molesey v Enfield; Purfleet v Bromley; Yeading v Bishop Stortford. First division: Barking v Dorking; Basingstoke v Staines; Berkhamsted v Wivenhoe; Billericay v Abingdon; Bognor Regis v Wembley; Boreham Wood v Chertsey, Leyton v Heybridge Swifts; Maidenhead v Aldershot: Newbury v Worthing, Tooting and Mitcham v Whyteleafe, Uxbridge v Ruislip Manor. Second division: Banstead v Hungerford; Barton v Ware, Chalfont St Peter v Tilbury; Cheshunt v Thame; Croydon v Windsor and Eton; Edgware v Bracknell; Egham v Aveley; Hampton v Witham; Hemel Hempstead v Leatherhead; *Maiden Vale v Saffron Walden*; Metropolitan Police v Oxford City. Third division: Bedford v Epsom and Ewell, Camberley v Harlow; Canvey Island v Leighton; Cove v Tring, Flackwell Heath v Clapton; Hertford v Feltham and Hounslow *B, Hornchurch v East Thurrock; Horsham v* Kingsbury; Lewes v Northwood; Southall v Collier Row.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Crawley Town; Chelmsford v Solihull; Corby Town v Trowbridge; Gloucester v VS Rugby; Gresley Rovers v Sudbury Town, Hastings v Halesowen, Hednesford Town v Dorchester; Leek Town v Cambridge City; Rushden and Diamonds v Cheltenham; Sittingbourne v Burton. Worcester v *Gravesend and Northfl. Midland division:* Buckingham v Armitage; Dudley Town v Leicester Utd, Evesham v Tamworth; Forest Green v Bedworth; Grantham v Bridgnorth; Ilkeston v Nuneaton Borough; King's Lynn v Newport AFC; Moor Green v Stourbridge; *Redditch Utd v Hinckley*; Rothwell Town v RC Warwick. Sutton Coldfield v Bilston. Southern division: Ashford v Clevedon; Baldock v Yate, Braintree v Poole, Fareham v Wealdstone; Havant v Erith and Belvedere, Margate v Bashley; Tonbridge AFC v Salisbury; Waterlooville v Fisher 93, Weston-super-Mare v Burnham, Weymouth v Bury Town; Witney Town v Newport IOW

ULSTER CUP: Section A: Bangor v Carrick; Glentoran v Linfield. Section B: Ards v Newry, Coleraine v Portadown. Section C: Ballyclare v Glenavon, Distillery v Omagh Town. Section D: Ballymena v Crusaders; Cliftonville v Larne

BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Section C: Bohemians v St James Gate *(3 30): Limerick v Salthill Devon (5 30)*

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Holywell: Alan Lido v Flint Town; Bangor City v Caersws; Connah's Quay v Maesteg Park Ath; Inter Cardiff v Conwy; Llanelli v Rhyl; Mold Alexandra v Cwmbran; Newtown v Ebbw Vale, Porthmadog v Barry; Ton Pentre v Llansantffraid.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth v Wimbledon (2 0)

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Guiseley; Boston Utd v Accrington Stanley; Buxton v Morecambe; Droylsden v Knowsley Utd; Frickley v Colwyn Bay. Horwich v Gainsborough; Marine v Emley; Matlock v Witton Albion. Spennymoor v Chorley; Whitley Bay v Hyde; Winsford v Bishop Auckland. First division: Bamber Bridge v Atherton LR; Blyth Spartans v Congleton, Caernarfon v Goole; Curzon Ashton v Netherfield; Eastwood v Warrington, Gt Harwood v *Ashton Utd; Gretna v Harrogate*; Lancaster City v Alfreton; Mossley v Fleetwood. Radcliffe Borough v Farsley Celtic, Workington v Worksop.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Bacup Borough v Kidsgrove; Bootle v Nantwich; Burscough v Prescot; Clitheroe v Blackpool Rovers; Eastwood Hanley v Chadderton; Holker OB v Maine Road, Newcastle Town v Skelmersdale Utd, Penrith v Glossop North End; Salford City v Darwen, Trafford v Rossendale Utd.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v North Ferriby; Belper v Pontefract Collieries; Brigg v Hallam; Glasshoughton Welfare v Ashfield United; Hucknall Town v Lincoln United, Liversedge v Pickering Town; Maltby MW v Ossett Town; Ossett Albion v Denaby United; Sheffield v Stocksbridge PS, Thackley v Arnold Town.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: Bedlington Terriers v Hebburn, Chester-le-Street v Peterlee, Consett v Billingham Synthonia. Dunston FB v Prudhoe Town; Guisborough Town v Seaham Red Star; Murton v RTM Newcastle, Northallerton Town v Eppleton CW; Shildon v Whitby, Tow Law v Ferryhill, West Auckland v Durham City.

MIDLAND FOOTBALL ALLIANCE: Barwell v Sandwell; Chasetown v Knypersley Victoria; Oldbury United v Pagel Rangers; Pershore Town v Bolehall Swifts, Rocester v West Midlands Police; Rushall Olympic v Halesowen Harriers. Shepshed v Stratford Town; Shifnal Town v Boldmere St Michael; Stapenhall v Hinckley Athletic; Willenhall Town v Brierley Hill

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Frome; Elmore v Chippenham, Liskeard v Tiverton; Mangotsfield v Crediton; Paulton v Bideford, Saltash v Bridport; Taunton v Calne. Torrington v Odd Down, Westbury v Bristol Manor Farm.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal v Chelsea, Cambridge Utd v Ipswich, Charlton v Tottenham; Gillingham v Watford, Leyton Orient v Southend, Norwich v QPR. Portsmouth v Millwall; Fulham v West Ham. Second division: *Bournemouth v Oxford Utd*, Brentford v Wimbledon; Bristol City v Colchester, Crystal Palace v Reading, Swindon v Bristol Rovers, Tottenham v Southampton, Wycombe Wanderers v Luton.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Crowborough Athletic v Southwick. East Grinstead v Arundel, Langney Sports v Littlehampton, Newhaven v Pagham, Oakwood v Ringmer, Portfield v Stamco, Shoreham v Hailsham; Three Bridges v Peacehaven and Telscombe, Whitehawk v Eastbourne, Wick v Burgess Hill

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE. First division: Beckenham v Whitstable. Chatham v *Crockenhill; Cray Wanderers v* Ramsgate; Deranth Heathside v Canterbury City; Dartford v Tunbridge Wells; Deal v Thamesmead, Folkestone Invicta v Corinthian, Herne Bay v Kent Police, Sheppey Utd v Furness; Slade Green v Faversham

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Bowers United v Stansted; Brentwood v Basildon United, Burnham Ramblers v Southend Manor, Ford v Maldon Town, Great Wakering v Romford, Hullbridge Sports v Eton Manor, Sawbridgeworth v Concord Rangers

SPARTAN LEAGUE: Amersham v Harringey Borough, Beaconsfield v Tower Hamlets. Brimsdown v Brook House; Cockfosters v Willesden, Corinthian-Casuals v St Margaretsbury; Croydon Athletic v Waltham Abbey; Hanwell v Barkingside, Walthamstow Pennant v Hillingdon Borough

CRICKET

Third Cornhill Test match

11.0, third day of five, 90 overs minimum

THE OVAL: England v South Africa

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, third day of four, 110 overs minimum

DERBY: Derbyshire v Kent
HARTLEPOOL: Durham v Glamorgan
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Surrey
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Sussex
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v *Essex*
KIDDERMINSTER: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Warwickshire

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Home Counties League: Oxfordshire v Berkshire (Oxford City and County), Sussex v Surrey (Buxted Park). Midland Counties League: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire (Loughborough). *Friendly matches: Buckinghamshire v* Worcestershire (Wendover), Herefordshire v Mid Wales (Leominster), Hertfordshire v Suffolk (Bishop's Stortford), Northamptonshire v Bedfordshire (Brackley).

GOLF: Murphy's English Open (Forest of Arden).

RUGBY LEAGUE: Rugby League Alliance: Second division: Carlisle v Widnes (2.0); Doncaster v Swinton (2.30), Hull KR v London (2.30), Rochdale Hornets v *Workington Town (2.0); Whitehaven v* Keighley (2.30)

SPEEDWAY (7.30): British League: First division: Eastbourne v Belle Vue. Second division: Swindon v Edinburgh. Third division: Berwick v Stoke. Junior individual: *Stars of the Future (King's Lynn).*

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership

Leicester v Newcastle (4.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

Notts County v Wolverhampton (2.55)

BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Section A: Cobh Ramblers v Waterford. Section B: Derry City v Sligo Rovers (3.30); Finn Harps v Fanad Utd (7.0). Section C: Galway Utd v Athlone Town (3.30). Section D: Longford Town v Dundalk (3.30); *Monaghan Utd v Drogheda Utd (2.30)*. Section E: Home Farm v Shelbourne. Section F: Bray Wanderers v UCD (3.30)

CRICKET

Third Cornhill Test match

11.0, fourth day of five, 90 overs minimum

THE OVAL: England v South Africa

AXA Equity & Law League

2.0, 40 overs

DERBY: Derbyshire v Kent
HARTLEPOOL: Durham v Glamorgan
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Surrey
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Sussex
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Essex
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Warwickshire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Neston: Cheshire v Herefordshire. Exmouth: Devon v Dorset. Long *Marston: Hertfordshire v Suffolk.*

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division

Featherstone v Wigan (3.30)
Hull v Warrington (3.15)
Oldham v Halifax
St Helens v Doncaster
Wakefield v Salford (3.30)
Widnes v Castleford

Second division

Barrow v Rochdale (2.30)
Batley v Huddersfield (3.15)
Bramley v Dewsbury
Carlisle v London Broncos
Highfield v Hull KR
Keighley v Whitehaven (3.15)
Leigh v Hunslet
Swinton v Ryedale York

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Eastern Counties League: Suffolk v Essex (Ipswich)

GOLF: Murphy's English Open (Forest of Arden)

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WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

7.00 New Inn. 7.25 Ripsnorter. 7.50 Eastleigh. 8.20 Shining Edge. 8.50 Sweet Cheap Pet. 9.20 Everset.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

7.00 BAGHEERA HANDICAP
(£2,809: 1m 6f 166yd) (12 runners)

1 /56- ZILR 471 (G) C Popham 4-10-0 — D Wright (5) 11
2 0014 PREMIER DANCE 23 (C,F,G) D Haydn Jones 7-9-6 J Williams 10
3 5112 SWORDKING 15 (CD,G,S) J L Harris 6-9-5 — Paul Eddery 4
4 6500 CHARLIE BIGTIME 7 (F,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-12 A Mackay 6
5 3114 SPRING LOADED 35 (F,S) J O'Shea 3-8-12 — V Slattery 8
6 0341 BARTI-DDU 28 (C,G) S Williams 3-8-12 — K Darley 3
7 0021 NEW INN 15 (G) E Weymes 3-8-11 — D Harrison 1
8 3310 PISH KESH 28 (D,F) W Muir 4-8-11 — J Weaver 12
9 04P1 OFF THE AIR 14 (B,C,G,S) D Burchell 3-8-7 Stephen Davies (3) 9
10 0050 SPICE AND SUGAR 40 (F,S) B Cambidge 4-7-13 — A Tucker 7
11 8456 NORTHERN RAINBOW 7 (B,F) R Emery 6-7-12 — T Williams 2
12 3326 CHILD STAR 15 (C,G,S) D Marks 5-7-11 — N Varley (5) 5

3-1 Swordking, 9-2 New Inn, 5-1 Barti-Ddu, 6-1 Spring Loaded, 8-1 others.

7.25 SHERE KHAN AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP — SKY
(£2,916: 1m 1f 79yd) (13)

1 2-00 CONSPICUOUS 98 (D,G) L Cottrell 4-12-0 — L Jefford (5) 8
2 2461 MONTONE 9 (F,G,S) J L Harris 4-11-11 — M Mannish (5) 5
3 2440 BOLD HABIT 2 (F,G) J Pearce 9-11-8 — Mrs L Pearce 10
4 1008 CERTAIN WAY 8 (G) N Littmoden 4-11-4 — D Parker 3
5 1252 RIPSNORTER 38 (BF,G,S) B Fosey 5-11-4 Miss A Purdy (5) 12
6 1221 RIVER JUNCTION 14 (CD,G) P Haslam 3-11-3 — Mrs D Kettlewell (5) 1
7 4040 BREEZED WELL 9 (C,F,G) B Cambidge 8-10-13 — Mrs H Noonan (5) 7
8 5450 GOLDEN STAR 19 J Berry 3-10-12 — Miss Diana Jones 13
9 05-0 LER CRU 12 (F) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-10-11 — S Rodley (7) 11
10 S140 CHARLIES DREAM 14 (C,G) X Burke 3-10-8 — Mrs E Burke (7) 9
11 0004 AIR COMMAND 12 (B,S) C Nash 4-10-6 — P Phillips (5) 2
12 0-20 MEESON CODE 28 R Emery 7-9-9 — I McLelland (5) 4
13 0040 STARLIGHT FLYER 38 (B,F,B,S) J Long 7-9-7 — T Waters (7) 6

7-2 River Junction, 9-2 Montone, 6-1 Bold Habit, Ripsnorter, 8-1 others.

7.50 RAMA CLAIMING STAKES — SKY
(£2,456: 1m 100yd) (13)

1 0-50 SPENCER'S REVENGE 199 (D,G) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-7 — D Harrison 3
2 0011 IVAN THE TERRIBLE 38 (CD,G) Miss S Wilton 6-9-5 A Mackay 4
3 0-0 AJDAR 8 P Kelleway 3-9-1 — M Wigham 9
4 8006 ANORAK 14 (V,C,G) P Haslam 4-8-13 — J Weaver 12
5 2046 EASTLEIGH 8 (V,D,G,S) R Hollinshead 5-8-13 — S Parks 11
6 0290 SCOTS LAW 21 (B,D,F,G) J Long 7-8-13 — N Adams 2
7 66 ALDINGTON CHAPPLE 98 B Preece 6-8-11 — S Sanders (5) 1
8 0/ ECOSSAIS DANSEUR 82J (F) J O'Shea 8-8-17 — V Slattery 10
9 1060 BLUE RADIANCE 14 (D,F,B) N Littmoden 4-8-5 — B Doyle (3) 6
10 4140 FABULOUS PRINCESS 11 (F) C Popham 3-8-4 — J Williams 7
11 60B- FORMAESTRE 110J (G) R Lee 4-8-2 — A Eddery (7) 5
12 06 TECHNOLOGICAL RISK 14 D Burchell 3-8-1 — R Price 8
13 0-04 SOUND OF THUNDER 49 J O'Shea 3-7-13 — N Varley (5) 13

7-2 Spencer's Revenge, 4-1 Ivan The Terrible, 6-1 Fabulous Princess, 7-1 Anorak, 8-1 Formaestre, 10-1 Eastleigh, 12-1 Blue Radiance, 14-1 others.

8.20 BALOO MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES — SKY
(2-Y-O: £2,740: 7f) (8)

1 40 ABSOLUTE LIMIT 42 M H Easterby 8-10 — K Darley 3
2 00 BALLESTRO 12 J Carr 8-10 — S Morris 5
3 002 COURT NAP 23 S Mellor 8-10 — M Wigham 6
4 0 MASTER UPEX 31 Mrs A Swinbank 8-10 — N Connorton 1
5 0865 MONEGASQUE 32 W Muir 8-10 — J Weaver 2
6 3243 SHINING EDGE 28 M H Easterby 8-10 — M Birch 4
7 0030 BEX HILL 23 D Haydn Jones 8-1 — A Mackay 7
8 0 RENE'S JOY 23 B McMahon 8-1 — J Fortune 8

6-4 Shining Edge, 3-1 Court Nap, 4-1 Monegasque, 6-1 Absolute Limit, 7-1 Bex Hill, 14-1 Rene's Joy, 16-1 others.

8.50 AKELA SELLING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES — SKY
(2-Y-O: £2,174: 6f) (13)

1 5055 MY FIRST PAIGE 15 (D,F) N Tinkler 8-12 — Kim Tinkler 12
2 4815 RUNFORACTION 28 (D,G) B Rothwell 8-12 — M Fenton (3) 9
3 3233 SWEET CHEAP PET 17 (V,D,BF,F,G) J Berry 8-12 — J Carroll 4
4 550 COBEAUX 87 B Meehan 8-11 — B Doyle (3) 2
5 66 HO MEI SURPRISE 50 B Preece 8-11 — S Sanders (5) 13
6 00 TWO CHALK 54 P Evans 8-11 — S Maloney 11
7 UPEX LE GOLD TOO Mrs A Swinbank 8-11 — N Connorton 5
8 034 VOCAL COMMAND 120 G Lewis 8-11 — Paul Eddery 1
9 454 DIZZYDAISY 8 (BF) M Channon 8-6 — K Darley 6
10 60 MERELY A MADAM 28 D Haydn Jones 8-6 — A Mackay 8
11 3525 OHNONOTAGAIN 15 B Murray 8-6 — J Fortune 3
12 50 SUMMER VILLA 14 P Haslam 8-6 — J Weaver 7
13 00 SYLVAN RIME 9 S Norton 8-6 — T Williams 10

3-1 Sweet Cheap Pet, 4-1 Vocal Command, 5-1 Runforaction, 7-1 Dizzydaisy, 8-1 *My First Paige*, 10-1 Ohnonotagain, 12-1 *Merely A Madam. Summer Villa*, 14-1 Sylvan Rime, 16-1 others.

9.20 MOWGLI HANDICAP (£3,652: 6f) (13)

1 1132 EVERSET 29 (CD,F,G,S) A Bailey 6-10-8 — D Wright (5) 10
2 2121 JOHNNIE THE JOKER 8 (B,D,F,G) J Leigh 3-9-10 — Dean McKeown 13
3 4000 DAWALIB 7 (V,G) D Haydn Jones 4-9-9 — D Harrison 5
4 0060 ROYAL INSIGNIA 22 (D,B,S) N Callaghan 3-9-9 M Fenton (3) 7
5 1410 COLWAY RAKE 71 (D,B,S) J Watts 3-9-8 — N Connorton 1
6 0222 THE OLD CHAPEL 40 (B,D,S) B McMahon 5-9-7 — J Weaver 11
7 1534 MISTER BLOY 18 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 3-9-6 — P Fessey (7) 8
8 0450 CELESTIAL RNIGHT 14 P Harris 3-9-3 — M Birch 4
9 4030 ASSIGNMENT 8 (CD,F,G) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-9-0 — T Williams 9
10 1485 JIMMY THE SKUNK 8 (CD,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 3-8-13 — K Darley 12
11 4040 PLUM FIRST 6 (B,D,F,S) N Bycroft 4-8-6 — J Fortune 6
12 0014 DISTANT DYNASTY 26 (CD,G,S) B Pearce 4-8-3 — Stephen Davies (3) 3
13 6552 ANTONIA'S FOLLY J Berry 3-8-3 — J Carroll 2

4-1 Johnnie The Joker, 5-1 Everset, 6-1 Antonia's Folly, 7-1 Royal Insignia, 8-1 The Old Chapel, 10-1 Mister Bloy, 12-1 Jimmy The Skunk, 14-1 Plum First, Distant Dynasty, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lord Huntingdon, 10 winners from 37 runners, 27.0%; Miss S Wilton, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Berry, 15 from 64, 23.4%; P Haslam, 8 from 36, 22.2%, M Channon, 3 from 16, 18.8%; J L Harris, 5 from 30, 16.7%; A Bailey, 8 from 49, 16.3%; B McMahon, 7 from 44, 15.9%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 25 winners from 87 rides, 28.7%; K Darley, 11 from 53, 20.8%; D Harrison, 4 from 26, 15.4%; J Williams, 9 from 76, 11.8%, T Williams, 3 from 30, 10.0%

RIPON

THUNDERER

2.10 Emerging Market. 2.40 Made In Heaven. 3.15 Surprise Guest. 3.50 For The Present. 4.20 Osato, 4.50 Halling.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.20 OSATO (nap). 4.50 Halling.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 KNARESBOROUGH CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,664: 6f) (9 runners)

1 0102 CORIO 8 (D,F) Miss S Hall 9-1 — N Connorton 2
2 01 DR EDGAR 21 (D,F) G Wragg 9-1 — G Carter 3
3 12 EMERGING MARKET 30 (D,BF,F) J Dunlop 9-1 — L Dettori 1
4 0 AXEMAN 28 R Hannon 8-11 — R Hughes 7
5 1 EQUILIBRIUM 26 (D,F) J Hills 8-10 — B Thomson 8
6 1 SKIP TO SOMERFIELD 45 (D,G) K McAuliffe 8-10 — J Tate (3) 5
7 4060 CHAMPAGNE N DREAMS 8 D Nicholls 8-6 — Alex Greaves 4
8 30 LATCH KEY LADY 31 S Norton 8-6 — J Fortune 9
9 NORTHERN ADARA R Woodhouse 8-6 — S Maloney 6

7-4 Emerging Market, 5-2 Equilibrium, 5-1 Dr Edgar, 7-1 Corio, 8-1 Skip To Somerfield, 10-1 Axeman, 25-1 Northern Adara.

2.40 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,875: 6f) (23)

1 458 KUHAILAN 75 J Berry 8-10 — G Carter 11
2 0 PERRYSTON VIEW 19 P Calver 8-10 — A Culhane 10
3 06 SPANISH STEPS 17 M W Easterby 8-10 — T Lucas 14
4 SILVER TZAR W Haggas 8-9 — B Thomson 23
5 30 SCOTSKY 21 J Dunlop 8-8 — L Dettori 13
6 0 BOUNDARY EXPRESS 32 M Johnston 8-7 — J Weaver 19
7 005 LUCKY MAGPIE 37 Mrs J Ramsden 8-7 — J Fanning 8
8 23 MADE IN HEAVEN 21 (BF) J Hills 8-5 — A Munro 16
9 040 AIRBOURNE RON 43 (B) S Norton 8-4 — R Price 2
10 04 HARRY BROWNE 12 Mrs J Ramsden 8-4 — C Rutter 4
11 0 SNOW FOOT 45 P Haslam 8-3 — J Tate (3) 6
12 005 TRUMBLE 89 C Thornton 8-3 — Dean McKeown 20
13 000 BALLARD LADY 14 J Wainwright 8-2 — N Kennedy 17
14 34 BRECONGILL LAD 14 Miss S Hall 8-2 — N Connorton 9
15 DANA POINT T Barron 8-2 — J Fortune 22
16 FRECKLES KELLY M H Easterby 8-0 — S Maloney 21
17 3502 BENTEN 9 (B) C Fairhurst 7-13 — A Garth (5) 15
18 00 BRILLYANT GLEN 58 W Bentley 7-13 — E Johnson 3
19 52 DONNA VIOLA 32 (BF) C Wall 7-13 — N Carlisle 18
20 50 QUALITAIR RIDGE 22 J Bottomley 7-13 — J Lowe 12
21 6 LEHMANS LADY 37 Mrs M Reveley 7-11 — N Varley (5) 7
22 4- SO AMAZING 14 Miss S Hall 7-11 — Dale Gibson 5
23 56 YORKSHIRE LADY 87 J Etherington 7-11 — J Quinn 1

4-1 Made In Heaven, 11-2 Donna Viola, 7-1 Trumble, 8-1 Kuhailan, Scotsky, Qualitair Ridge, 10-1 others.

3.15 BILLY NEVETT MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP
(Handicap: £4,854: 1m 4f 60yd) (11)

1 0001 HE'S A KING 12 (F,G) J Dunlop 4-9-11 — L Dettori 5
2 0-40 MISS PIN UP 102 (D,F,G) W Haggas 5-9-3 — B Thomson 10
3 542- CANNY CHRONICLE 330 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-2 — J Fortune 6
4 0106 SURPRISE GUEST 24 (D,F,G,S) M Johnston 3-8-12 J Weaver 9
5 1058 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 7 (CD,F,G) M Brittain 7-8-6 — J Lowe 7
6 2221 FLOATING LINE 7 (CD,F,S) P Wigham 6-8-5 — G Carter 8
7 1433 SHARP FALCON 14 (F) J Wharton 3-8-5 — J Quinn 4
8 4325 FIRST BID 2 (CD,F,S) R Whitaker 7-8-4 — A Culhane 3
9 4206 HASTA LA VISTA 29 (B,D,F,G) M W Easterby 4-8-3 — S Maloney 11
10 2010 WALWORTH LADY 15 (F) M Dods 3-7-7 — N Carlisle 1
11 6243 SARWAN 8 (D,F,G) J Eyre 6-7-7 — J Fanning 2

7-2 He's A King, 9-2 Floating Line, 5-1 Surprise Guest, 6-1 Hasta La Vista, 7-1 Eire Leath-Sceal, 8-1 Canny Chronicle, Sharp Falcon, 10-1 others.

3.50 WILLIAM HILL GREAT ST WILFRID HANDICAP
(£20,340: 6f) (21)

1 0406 CELESTIAL KEY 14 (D,F,G) S Norton 4-10-0 — J Tate (3) 20
2 6240 AMRON 56 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 7-9-10 — N Carlisle 10
3 3612 POKER CHIP 21 (D,F,G) I Balding 4-9-10 — L Dettori 8
4 4531 ROCK SYMPHONY 19 (CD,G) W Haggas 4-9-8 B Thomson 19
5 4141 HEVER GOLF ROSE 13 (D,F,G) T Naughton 3-9-7. A Munro 15
6 5042 WAJIBA RIVA 9 (G) R Hannon 3-9-2 — R Hughes 15
7 3000 PALACEGATE TOUCH 19 (B,CD,G,S) J Berry 4-8-11 G Carter 7
8 4231 FOR THE PRESENT 21 (CD,F,G) T Barron 4-8-11 — J Fortune 2
9 6000 BALLASECRET 21 (D,F,G,S) R Dickin 6-8-8 — C Rutter 5
10 6006 CASTLEREA LAD 4 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-8-8 — S Parks 9
11 1320 KING RAT 4 (D,F,G) M Johnston 3-8-4 — J Weaver 1
12 1140 LEPINE 19 (CD,F,S) J Watts 3-8-0 — J Fanning 11
13 0003 TRUE PRECISION 22 (B,D,G,S) J Bethell 4-7-10 N Varley (5) 6
14 2440 SO RHYTHMICAL 38 (D,F,G,S) G Eden 10-7-9 — Dale Gibson 4
15 0501 CAVATINA 30 (D,F) T Donnelly 4-7-9 — J Lowe 18
16 1338 WHITTLE WOODS GIRL 14 (CD,BF,F,G,S) E Alston 3-7-7 — J Quinn 21
17 1323 MAID O'CANNIE 8 (B,D,F) M W Easterby 3-7-7 — C Adamson (7) 14
18 5111 MISS MOVIE WORLD 15 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 5-7-7 — J Marshall (5) 13
19 2510 FORMIDABLE LIZ 15 (D,F) M Hammond 4-7-7. A Garth (5) 17
20 5111 LADY SILK 15 (D,G,S) J Hetherton 3-7-7 — N Kennedy 3
21 2240 SUPER BENZ 8 (D,F,G,S) B Beasley 8-7-7 — C Teague (7) 12

6-1 Poker Chip, 7-1 For The Present, 10-1 Rock Symphony, 12-1 Hever Golf Rose, King Rat, 14-1 Wajiba Riva, 16-1 Miss Movie World, So Rhythmical, Cavatina, Amron, Castlerea Lad, 20-1 others.

4.20 BOROUGHBRIDGE MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,264: 1m) (15)

1 20/ OUTSET 105J M Hammond 4-9-4 — J Marshall (5) 15
2 0-00 PHASE ONE 70 D Nicholls 4-8-13 — Alex Greaves 4
3 /00 ROYAL REBEKA 119 G Oldroyd 4-8-13 — S Webster 13
4 03 CANARY FALCON 50 M Stoute 3-8-12 — Dean McKeown 1
5 00 JUICE PLUS 19 J Parkes 3-8-12 — J Stack (5) 12
6 64 KING CHESTNUT 63 M Dods 3-8-12 — N Connorton 5
7 2-3 OSATO 16 J Gosden 3-8-12 — L Dettori 6
8 06 QUIET MISSION 15 J Eyre 3-8-12 — M McAndrew 8
9 0432 RORY CREEK 57 I Balding 3-8-12 — J Weaver 14
10 0 SUPERLUMINAL 21 G Rimmer 3-8-12 — R Price 2
11 00 TREE OF TIME 16 J Gosden 3-8-12 — J Lowe 9
12 5 BRIGHTENING 16 C Thornton 3-8-7 — J Fanning 10
13 06 LOSTRIS 19 M Dods 3-8-7 — Dale Gibson 11
14 5224 TANAAHI 31 H Thomson Jones 3-8-7 — N Carlisle 7
15 TINKLE M W Easterby 3-8-7 — T Lucas 3

3-1 Osato, 7-2 Rory Creek, 5-1 Canary Falcon, 6-1 Tree Of Time, 8-1 Tanaahi, 10-1 Outset, Brightening, 14-1 *King Chestnut, 16-1 Quiet Mission, Superluminal, 20-1* others.

4.50 HARROGATE HANDICAP (£4,815: 1m 2f) (11)

1 2416 SOVEREIGN PAGE 15 (CD,BF,F,G) B Hanbury 5-9-13 — J Tate (3) 1
2 50-4 PEACHES POLLY 14 G Rimmer 4-9-10 — R Price 9
3 120- EXPRESS GIFT 287 (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-9 S Copp (7) 3
4 216 NORTHWARD HOE 12 (D,F) J Watts 3-9-8 — B Thomson 2
5 046 HALLING 12 J Gosden 3-9-4 — L Dettori 7
6 2113 MR DIAMOND 9 (D,BF,F) M Stoute 3-9-3 — Dean McKeown 4
7 0055 MENTALASANYTHIN 14 (G,S) D Nicholls 5-8-11 Alex Greaves 6
8 0-05 TAPATCH 15 (F) G Moore 6-8-5 — J Stack (5) 5
9 2125 ASHOVER 19 (D,BF,F,G) T Barron 4-7-12 — J Quinn 10
10 0002 BRONZE MAQUETTE 3 (D,G) B McMath 4-7-7. E Johnson 8
11 1400 GOLD DESIRE 7 (D,G,S) M Brittain 4-7-7 — J Lowe 11

3-1 Mr Diamond, 9-2 Halling, 5-1 Peaches Polly, 11-2 Northward Hoe, 6-1 Sovereign Page, 7-1 Express Gift, 8-1 Tapatch, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Stoute, 14 winners from 49 runners, 28.6%, J Gosden, 10 from 37, 27.0%; J Dunlop, 6 from 26, 23.1%; G Wragg, 4 from 19, 21.1%, P Wigham, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J Wharton, 5 from 26, 19.2%, J Berry, 22 from 136, 16.2%.

JOCKEYS: J Tate, 5 from 24, 20.8%, L Dettori, 7 from 45, 15.6%, J Weaver, 7 from 49, 14.3%; A Munro, 6 from 43, 14%; Dean Mckeown, 17 from 135, 12.6%, N Connorton, 12 from 103, 11.7%

PERTH

THUNDERER

2.20 Mytton's Choice. 2.50 Beldine. 3.20 Badastan. 3.55 So Discreet. 4.25 Fairways On Target. 4.55 Muskora.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

2.20 GLENISLA JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,190: 2m 110yd) (3 runners)

1 U11 MYTTON'S CHOICE 3 (F) (D) A Bailey 11-10 — T Kent
2 3 BEE DEE BEST 1 Miss L Parrall 10-12 — R Dunwoody
3 CHANTRY BEATH 22F C Thornton 10-12 — D Wilkinson

4-5 Mytton's Choice, 9-4 Chantry Beath, 11-4 Bee Dee Best.

2.50 JAMES HALSTEAD CLAIMING CHASE
(£2,710: 2m) (4)

1 241- BELDINE 112 (CD,F,G,S) P Monteith 9-11-8 — A Dobbin
2 P12- SONSIE MO 175 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-0 — T Reed
3 4P-5 BARKISLAND 1 (C,D,G,S) P Beaumont 10-10-12 — Mrs A Farrell
4 020- TINAS LAD 78 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 11-10-8 — Peter Hobbs

5-4 Sonsie Mo, 9-4 Beldine, 7-2 Tinas Lad, 5-1 Barkisland.

3.20 HEATHER PRE-PACKS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,022: 3m 110yd) (7)

1 132- MYSTIC MEMORY 32F (C,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-12-0 — P Niven
2 456- ROYAL VACATION 94 (F,G) G Moore 5-11-9 — J Callaghan
3 -111 BADASTAN 7 (B,CD,F,G,S) P Hobbs 5-11-9 — Peter Hobbs
4 046- EASTERN OASIS 218 (C,D,F,G,S) J Andrews 11-11-6 — R Dunwoody
5 113- VALIANT DASH 82 (CD,F,G,S) J Goldie 8-11-4 — F Perratt (5)
6 22J- ON THE HOOCH 100 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-0 — A Watt (7)
7 510- GLANDALANE LADY 94 (CD,F) J O'Neill 5-10-6 — R McGrath (7)

6-4 Badastan, 3-1 Mystic Memory, 6-1 Royal Vacation, 7-1 Valiant Dash, 10-1 others.

3.55 POLYFLOR NOVICES CHASE
(£2,822: 2m 4f 110yd) (3)

1 OGSTONEUS Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-0 — A Watt (7)
2 F-3F SO DISCREET 14 (F,S) J White 6-11-0 — A Maguire
3 F3F- SOUND PROFIT 77 W Young 6-10-9 — T Reed

4-7 So Discreet, 7-4 Sound Profit, 12-1 Ogstoneus

4.25 CRAIGVINEAN CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,253: 2m 110yd) (4)

1 40-1 KELLY'S DARLING 15 (D,F) J White 8-11-9 — A Maguire
2 /10- FAIRWAYS ON TARGET 9F (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-0 — P Niven
3 0/6- SHUT UP 331 Mrs E Moscrop 5-10-9 — E Husband (5)
4 D5- SWIFT CARRIAGE 102 M Barnes 8-10-6 — A Dobbin

1-2 Fairways On Target, 5-2 Kelly's Darling, 14-1 Swift Carriage, 16-1 Shut Up.

4.55 SCOTTISH RACING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,710: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 0-11 MUSKORA 1 (C,D,F,G) P Hobbs 5-12-2 (6ex) — R Dunwoody
2 212- CROMARTY 50F (D,G) J O'Neill 4-11-9 — A Maguire
3 34F- FAMILY LINE 21F (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-11-7 — P Niven
4 151- JOHN NAMAN 82 (CD,F,G) M Barnes 5-11-4 — A Dobbin
5 25-0 PEEDIE PEAT 21 J O'Neill 4-10-0 — Miss Sue Nichol (7)

5-4 Cromarty, 2-1 Muskora, 4-1 Family Line, 8-1 John Naman, 25-1 Peedie Peat

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 17 winners from 40 runners, 42.5%; Miss L Perratt, 10 from 43, 23.3%; P Beaumont, 3 from 14, 21.4%; P Monteith, 13 from 66, 19.7%, P Hobbs, 6 from 31, 19.4%; M Barnes, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 24 winners from 75 rides, 32.0%; Peter Hobbs, 8 from 27, 29.6%, F Perratt, 4 from 23, 17.4%; A Dobbin, 7 from 43, 16.3%; T Reed, 6 from 40, 15.0%. Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chester: 1.55 Munguy. 4.30 Darmakey, Q Factor. Market Rasen: 6.40 Omidjoy, Strephon. 7.40 The Can Can Man. 8.10 *A Suitable Girl. Ripon: 2.40 Airbourne* Ron. 3.50 True Precision. Sandown Park: 2.35 Fortune Star. 5.20 War O' The Roses. Wolverhampton 7.00 Off The Air. 7.50 Anorak, Eastleigh.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good

2.00 (5f 6yd) 1, IN LOVE AGAIN (J Stack, 5-1); 2, Tam Lane (J Quinn, 10-1); 3, Sound The Trumpet (J Carroll, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Bold Frontier (6th), Valerie, 5 Exoset (5th), 25 Deardaw (4th). 7 ran. Nk, 1¾l, 1l, ¾l, 10l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.90; £2.00, £3.90. DF: £16.20. CSF: £43.58.

2.35 (1m 14yd) 1, MANSSAI (L Dettori, 11-2 fav); 2, Hesell Street (J Reid, 13-2); 3, Ringmaster (P Robinson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Bird of Time, Robsera, 8 Blair Castle (5th), Lunar Mission, 10 Storm Nymph (4th), 12 Dontforget Insight, 14 Blurred Image, 20 Porphyrios (6th). 25 *Mount Leinster.* 12 ran. 2½l, 3½l, ¾l, hd, 2l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £6.60; £2.40, £2.20, £3.30. DF: £14.90. Trio: £70.20. CSF: £37.95. Tricast: £202.65.

3.10 (1m 14yd) 1, INGOZI (D Holland, 20-1); 2, Andromaque (W Carson, 5-1); 3, Devotee (Paul Eddery, 33-1). *ALSO RAN:* 7-2 fav Etrala Ah (4th), 5 Gleam Of Light (6th), 10 Glatisant, Lady Fairfax, Nice Welcome, Zama (5th), 14 Bella Ballerina, 16 Potana, 33 Call Of The Night, Lady Lodger. 13 ran. Nk, 1¾l, 1½l, hd, 1¾l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £35.80; £5.70, £1.60, £7.50. DF: £114.70. Trio: £607.20. CSF: £106.35.

3.40 (7f 16yd) 1, LOVELY MILLIE (L Dettori, 7-4 fav); 2, Sonic Boy (D Holland, 15-2); 3, Fahal (W Carson, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Sotoboy (4th), 12 Lipizzaner (6th), Petoskin (5th), 16 Statom. 7 ran. NR: Twilight Sleep. Sh hd, ¾l, 1l, 6l, 2l. D Loder at Newmarket. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £2.30. DF: £7.40. CSF: £14.17. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.15 (2m 78yd) 1, KEEN VISION (B Doyle, 16-1); 2, Fruitful Affair (Stephen Davies, 12-1); 3, Noble Society (C Adamson, 25-1). 4, Thunderheart (L Dettori, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Tarthooth. 7 Ela Man Howa (6th), Simply, 10 Scud Missile, 14 Chucklestone, 16 Dinner At Eight, 20 Amiarge (5th), 25 Barcham, *Lofty Deed, Mountain* Reach, Passing Player. So Saucy, 33 Coleridge, Singing Detective, 40 Touching Times. 19 ran. 5l, ¾l, ½l, 1¾l, 12l. D Arbuthnot at Compton. Tote: £27.80; £4.10, £2.40, £5.10, £1.50. DF: £87.10. Trio: £1727.40 (part won, pool of £997.53 carried forward to 3.40 at Sandown today). CSF: £194.55. Tricast: £4,340.46.

4.50 (1m 1f) 1, NEATSTEP (M Hills, 5-4 fav); 2, Sunday News'n'echo (Pat Eddery, 100-30); 3, Rockstine (G Bardwell, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 The Multyorker, 10 Saseid (4th), 11 Prejon, 14 King Curan (5th). 33 Shenas, 50 Dear Saise, Haydon Hill, Patnce (6th), Valinco. 12 ran. ¾l, 4l, 3½l 2½l, 6l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.40, £15.10. DF: £4.30. CSF: £5.99.

5.25 (5f 6yd) 1, JOIN THE CLAN (L Dettori, 7-2 fav); 2, Patsy Grimes (A McGlone, 15-2); 3, Followmegirls (D Holland, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Farfelu, 9 Hope Hell, 10 Aragrove, Bright Paragon (5th), Towering Talent, 14 Bells Of *Longwick (4th), Blackrock Hero*, 20 Love Legend, Winsome Wooster, 25 Takadou. 13 ran. ¾l, hd. Mrs N. Macauley at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £5.50; £2.20, £2.00, £1.50. DF: £29.00. Trio: £29.80. CSF: £30.10. Tricast: £167.51. Takadou finished third but after a stewards' inquiry was placed last.

Jackpot: £139,501.50 (0.29 winning tickets. Pool of £139,501.54 carried forward to Sandown Park today).
Placepot: £320.80. Quadpot: £35.70.

Chester

Going: good

2.30 (1m 2f 75yd) 1, Pickles (Richard Edwards, 9-4 fav); 2, Bronze Runner (7-1); 3, In A Moment (4-1). 8 ran. 5l, 2l. A Bailey. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £6.70. CSF: £16.69. Tricast: £52.83.

3.00 (7f 2yd) 1, Amin (G Carter, 7-2); 2, Witch Hunt (9-1); 3, Monarch (5-2 jt-fav). Sharaz 5-2 jt-fav. 14 ran. NR: Green's Wootton. 5l, ¾l. G Pritchard-Gordon. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £2.80, £1.50. DF: £17.50. CSF: £34.31. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.30 (7f 2yd) 1, Wizard King (W Woods, 7-2); 2, Amidst (3-1 fav); 3, Minstrel's Gift (8-1). 13 ran. 7l, hd. M Prescott. Tote: £3.10; £1.10, £2.00, £3.60. DF: £4.00. Trio: £10.70. CSF: £14.19. Tricast: £74.38.

4.00 (6f 18yd) 1, Regal Fanfare (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Nagnagnag (5-2); 3, Western Reel (10-11 fav). 6 ran. 6l, 3l. J Hills. Tote: £6.80; £2.60, £1.70. DF: £6.30. CSF: £21.31.

4.35 (1m 7f 195yd) 1, Taroudant (K Darley, 7-1); 2, Star Rage (11-4 fav); 3, Crowther Homes (12-1). 8 ran. 2½l, 1¼l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £7.00; £2.30, £1.40, £2.50. DF: £17.00. CSF: £24.68. Tricast: £203.98.

5.10 (7f 2yd) 1, Highborn (K Darley, 10-1); 2, Shikari's Son (7-1); 3, *Absolute Magic* (4-1 fav). 11 ran. Nk, 2l. P Felgate. Tote: £15.50; £3.20, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £43.20. Trio: £42.80. CSF: £71.23. Tricast: £258.24.

Placepot: £12.00.
Quadpot: £12.50.

Perth

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Addington Boy (N Doughty, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, *Ela Billante* (14-1); 3, Caribbean Surfer (6-1). Tehuan 5-2 jt-fav. 6 ran. 5l, 2l. G Richards. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £4.90. DF: £15.40. CSF: £27.35.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, Liability Order (P Niven, 2-1 fav); 2, Rich Nephew (33-1). Only two finished. 5 ran. Dist. M Hammond. Tote: £2.40; £1.20, £3.80. DF: £11.00. CSF: £28.95.

3.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Muskora (R Dunwoody, *1-4 fav); 2, The Green Fool (3-1)*. 2 ran. ¾l. P Hobbs. Tote: £1.20.

3.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Charming Gale (A Dobbin, 7-2); 2, Always Remember (11-8 fav); 3, Clever Folly (7-2). 6 ran. 2½l, ¾l. Mrs S Bradburne. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £1.30. DF: *£4.00. CSF: £8.00*

4.25 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Sakura (D Bentley, 7-1); 2, Miss Mah-Jong (11-10 fav); 3, Superhoo (8-1). 7 ran. 7l, 1¾l. M Hammond. Tote: £8.50; £3.50, £1.50. DF: £3.70. CSF: £14.13.

5.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Chummy's Saga (T Reed, 1-2 fav); 2, *Eli Packenosh* (6-1); 3, Smart in Silk (8-1). 4 ran. 3½l, 20l. L Lungo. Tote: £1.50. DF: £4.10. CSF: £3.82.

Placepot: £14.10.
Quadpot: £6.10.

Thursday

Salisbury

Going: firm

7.35 (6f 212yd) 1, High Typha (R Hughes, 8-1); 2, Greenson (14-1); 3, Glen Miller (12-1). Doodles. Pool 9-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Fairfield Choice, Insuperable, State of Affairs, Topeski. *¾l, nk. R Hannon. Tote:* £9.70; £2.80, £4.50, £3.80. DF: £32.40. Trio: £181.40. CSF: £109.86. Tricast: £1,239.51.

8.05 (6f 212yd) 1, Lady Writer (Pat Eddery, 5-2); 2, Shamrock Fair (25-1); 3, Crystal Blade (8-1). Hagwah 9-4 fav. 17 ran. NR: Sunday Sailing. 1¾l, ¾l. *R Charlton. Tote: £4.80*; £1.90, £6.60, £1.80. DF: £111.30. CSF: £68.21. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £267.90. Quadpot: £52.90.

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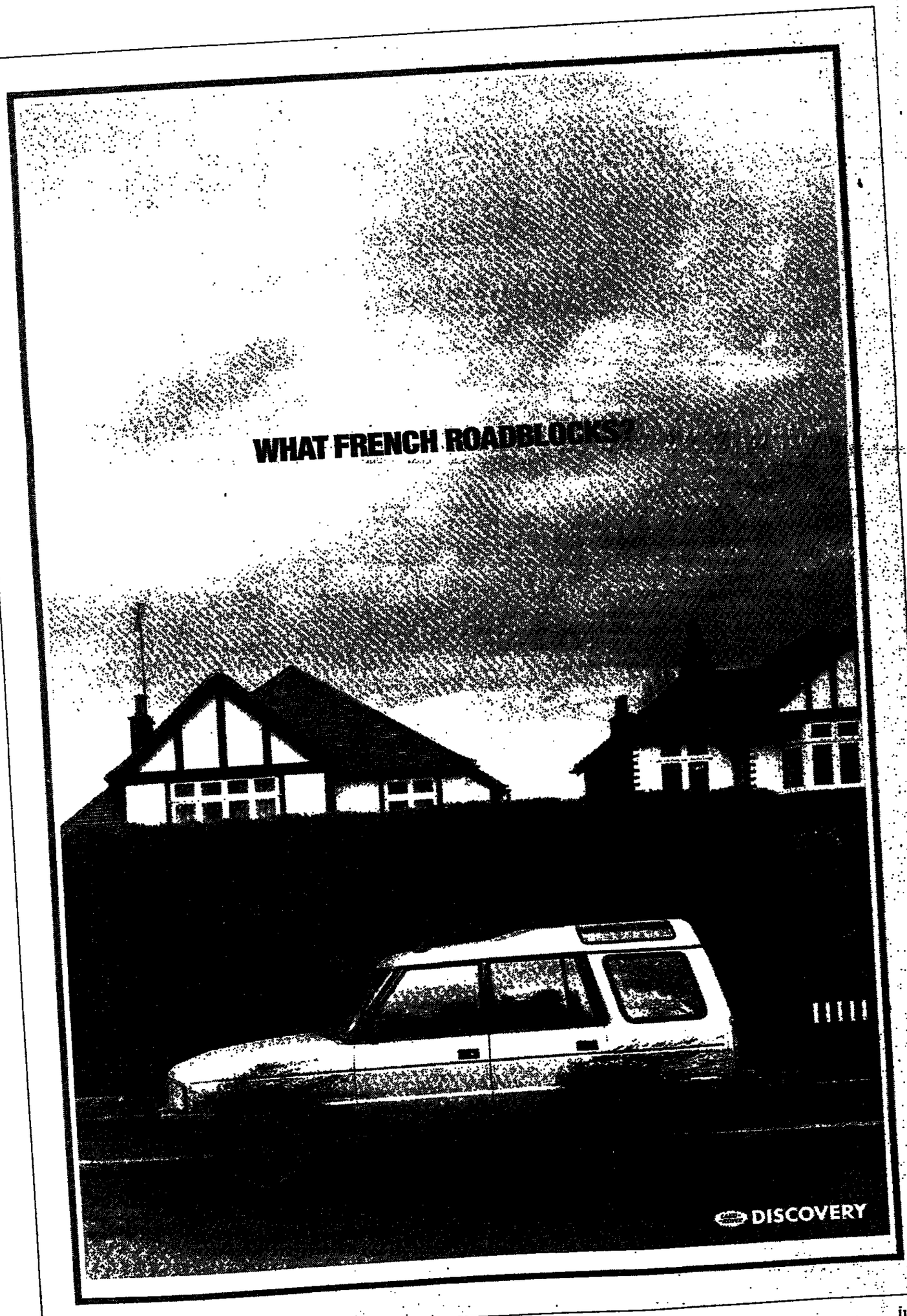
Going: good to firm

7.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, Lynch Law (R Dunwoody, 4-6 fav); 2, The Yokel (5-1); 3, *Express Travel* (16-1). 8 ran. 14l, ¾l. M Pipe. *Tote: £1.80*; £1.20, £1.30, £2.60. DF: £4.90. CSF: £5.49.

8.20 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Dr Maccarter (T Eley, 5-1); 2, Court Circular (4-1); 3, Rimouski (9-2). 9 ran. ¾l, sh hd. A Forbes. Tote: £6.30; £1.50, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £14.70. Trio: £15.60. CSF: £25.48. Tricast: £90.69. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £336.90.
Quadpot: £26.00.

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The late Bob Paisley, the most successful manager in English football history, once remarked when *Liverpool* were in the middle of their 11 championships in 18 years: "Mind, I've seen the bad times too. One year we came second."

It is a sign of how much things have changed that finishing second this season would be greeted with sighs of relief at Anfield, and would earn Mike Walker and Peter Johnson, the Everton manager and his new chairman, the freedom of Merseyside. After *dominating the Eighties* between them, the Nineties have provided a short, sharp shock to the self-esteem of both clubs.

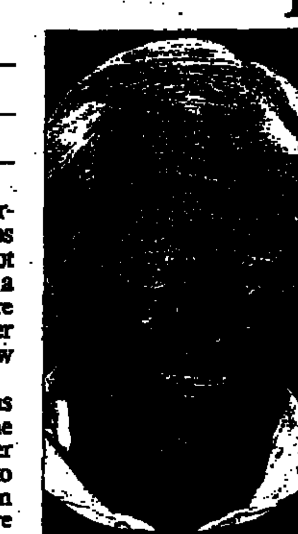
Last season was traumatic as both clubs changed managers in mid-stream. Liverpool sank to eighth, akin to total failure at Anfield. Everton finally avoided relegation on the last day of the season by beating Wimbledon in a bizarre game amid mass hysteria.

This season, things will be expected to be different, leaving Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, and Walker in perhaps the most pressured jobs in English football. "We've got a new stand, a new pitch, a new chairman, so things are coming together," Walker said. "All we've got to do now *is get it right* on the pitch."

But there's the rub, as Walker's voice revealed he knew only too well. Walker has now had long enough to stamp his own personality on the club, and the signs are already *evident*.

The manager's office at the training ground has been refurbished. The drinks cabinet has gone, replaced by a pack of Perrier bottles. A poster of five or six verses of doggerel entitled "Don't Quit", and a postcard, "Perseverance", testified to a new austerity, somewhat alleviated by a topless *calendar*.

The new chairman is doing his bit, giving Walker an initial £10 million to compete in the transfer market. So far only the arrival of Vinny Samways, for £2.2 million, has made a dent in that sum as Walker discovers that having money is one thing, being able to spend it sensibly is another matter in English football.

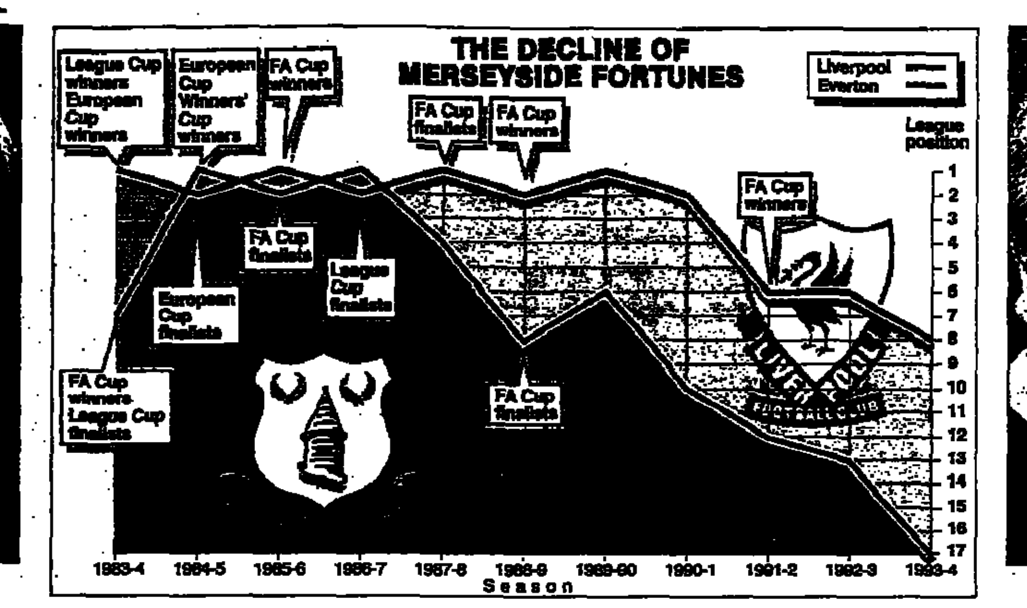


Walker: pressure

"We could do with two or three more new faces," Walker admitted, "but we haven't got unlimited money. With the prices being quoted I could wipe out that £10 *million* on two players who aren't even internationals. But we are not going to pay over the odds, which was why we pulled out of the bidding for Chris Sutton."

In principle, few would argue with Walker's stand. In practice, Everton's supporters may not agree if their side is again left facing a struggle at the wrong end of the table while Manchester United and Blackburn Rovers turn their vast resources into success on the field. Walker remains confident that *his* approach will bring about a significant improvement even with the present squad.

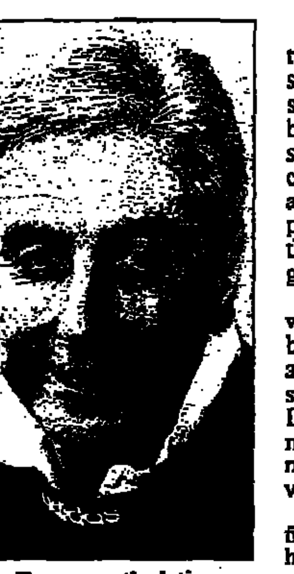
"The confidence is back, and confidence alone is worth 15 to 20 points a season, and with the change of style and harder training I expect to see an improvement," he said.



"It isn't my team yet, we need to build a squad and we need more than two players to do that. It's a big club, but they've had four or five lean years and it needs to be resurrected. It's not going to happen overnight, but I expect to see an improvement."

But if it still looks a sizeable task ahead for Walker, it appears to be a gigantic one facing Evans, paradoxical though that sounds after their *positions last season. Evans* faces greater expectations. Eighth would be acceptable at Everton; Liverpool still cherish delusions of a divine right to the championship. "It's the *first time for many years that* we've not been mentioned, and we don't like that," Evans said. "We'd love to prove a few people wrong."

More realisticially, he concedes that qualifying for Europe is Liverpool's target, but even that looks a long shot. He also inherited a club in turmoil. Following Graeme *Souness's confrontational* style of management, his appointment was a vote for a return to the traditional Liverpool values. But the world has moved on (or at least caught up), and *most* of Souness's less successful signings remain.



Evans: optimistic

The summer was a troubled one, with disciplinary problems *surfacing*, and it is an open secret that Evans would happily sell two or three of his biggest names, but their high wages make it almost impossible to find takers. Evans, though, has passd one test by *confronting the so-called stars*, which some thought he was too nice to do.

"We've had a little bit of turmoil, I made some decisions which caused a few strains, but the reaction has been good," he said. "The new season is a fresh start. I feel confident about the way things are going to go, you see the players with a great attitude at this stage, and the thing I've got to do is keep that going."

There is one chink of light, which has enabled him to go back into the transfer market again. The rights issue in the summer, with the chairman, David Moores, putting in £8 million, has removed the financing of their ground redevelopment as a problem.

But, like Walker, Evans is finding the money burning a hole in his pocket as Liverpool, almost incredibly, have consistently failed to get the players they wanted this summer. This week they had a further setback, at least temporarily, as Coventry City rejected their initial offer for Phil Babb.

That transfer may happen next week. "I think with one or two good acquisitions we wouldn't be a million miles away," Evans said. Babb, unlike some of his predecessor's signings, certainly has the quality, but Liverpool need more than Babb to re-emerge *as a serious threat to* Manchester United this season — if ever.

Russell Kempson offers a finishing order for the clubs in the FA Carling Premiership as they embark upon the rigours of a new season today

1, ARSENAL

George Graham is the longest serving manager, and one of the best-dressed, in the Premiership. *His teams rarely achieve such* elegance yet Highbury has runneth over with cups during the past few seasons, including the defeat of Parma in the European Cup Winners' Cup final in May. Graham talks a beautiful game, pre-match *and post-match, but Arsenal still* infuriate the purists. However, as Manchester United experience treble trouble, London's most durable side will roll on regardless. Schwarz, of Sweden, supplies extra steel, as if it was really needed.

Manager: George Graham (appointed May 1986).
Transfers: In: Stefan Schwarz (Benfica, £1.75m), Lee Harper (Sittingbourne, £150,000), Vince Bartram (Bournemouth, £250,000).
Out: Alan Miller (Middlesbrough, £500,000), James Will (Dunfermline, free), Tony Connolly (Crystal Palace, free), Ryan Kirby (Doncaster, free), Kenny Webster (Peterborough, free).
Last season: League: 4th. FA Cup: 4th round. Coca-Cola Cup: 4th round. European Cup Winners' Cup: winners.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 1, David Seaman; 13, Vince Bartram; *Lee Harper. Defenders: 6, Tony Adams; 12, Steve Bould; 2, Lee Dixon; 14, Martin Keown; 5, Andy Linighan; 21, Steve Morrow; 3, Nigel Winterburn; 20, Pal Lydersen. Midfield: 18, David Hillier; 19, Jimmy Carter; 4, Paul Davis; 24, Mark Flatts; 17, John Jensen; 11, Eddie McGoldrick; 23, Ray Parlour; 15, Stefan Schwarz; 22, Ian Selley. Forwards: 7, Kevin Campbell; 27, Paul Dickov; 10, Paul Merson; 9, Alan Smith; 8, Ian Wright.
Championship odds: 11-2.

2, MANCHESTER UNITED

Alex Ferguson is clearly content with his lot at Old Trafford, bringing in only May and Tomlinson as the other managers duel with cheque books at dawn. A hat-trick of league championships remains probable although a lengthy European Cup commitment could allow Arsenal to reel them in. *Robson's influence will* not be missed — he played just ten league matches last season — but the pay dispute with Ince is unhealthy for all. And can Cantona contain the fire that burns within? Not even he knows.

Manager: Alex Ferguson (Nov 1986).
Transfers: In: David May (Blackburn, £1.25m), Graeme Tomlinson (Bradford, £100,000).
Out: Clayton Blackmore (Middlesbrough, free), Bryan Robson (Middlesbrough, free), Les Sealey (Blackpool, free), Mike Phelan (West Bromwich Albion, free), Craig Lawton (Port Vale, free), Rob Savage (Crewe Alexandra, free), Ian Hart (Crewe Alexandra, free).
Last season: League: champions. FA Cup: winners. Coca-Cola Cup: finalists.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 1, Peter Schmeichel; 13, Gary Walsh; 25, Kevin Pilkington. Defenders: 4, Steve Bruce; 3, Denis Irwin; 12, David May; 6, Gary Pallister; 2, Paul Parker. Midfield: 19, Nicky Butt; 18, Simon Davies; 8, Paul Ince; 16, Roy Keane; 5, Lee Sharpe; 9, Brian McClair. Forwards: 15, Graeme Tomlinson; 7, Eric Cantona; 20, Dion Dublin; 11, Ryan Giggs; 10, Mark Hughes; 14, Andrei Kanchelskis; 17, Colin McKee.
Championship odds: 5-4.

3, LEEDS UNITED

Gary Kelly, 20, the Ireland full back, has come a long way in one season; a sparkling presence in Premiership and World Cup combat. Gordon Strachan, 37, has maybe one last season; the wily brain perhaps no longer able to command the wee legs to his proud satisfaction. McAllister and Speed will continue to conjure intricate shapes while Palmer, for £2.6 million, and the South African pair, Massinga and Radebe, have raised many an eyebrow. Uefa Cup place at worst.

Manager: Howard Wilkinson (Oct 1988).
Transfers: In: Carlton Palmer (Sheffield Wednesday, £2.6m), Nigel Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday, tribunal), Philomen Masinga (Hemelodi Sundowns, SA, £275,000), Lucas Radebe (Kaizer Chiefs, SA, £250,000).
Out: Jon Newsome (Norwich City, £1m), Ray Wallace (Stoke City, free).
Last season: League: 5th. FA Cup: 4th round. Coca-Cola Cup: 2nd round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 13, Mark Beeney; 1, John Lukic; 30, Paul Pettinger. Defenders: 24, Robert Bowman; 23, Andrew Couzens; 3, Tony Dorigo; 5, Chris Fairclough; 2, Gary Kelly; 18, David O'Leary; 12, John Pemberton; 20, Kevin Sharp; 6, David Wetherall; 15, Nigel Worthington; 4, Carlton Palmer. Midfield: 22, Mark Ford; 10, Gary McAllister; 25, Matthew Smithard; *Philomen Masinga; *Lucas Radebe; 11, Gary Speed; 7, Gordon Strachan; 17, Mark Tinkler; 21, Ryan Nicholls. Forwards: 9, Brian Deane; 18, Jamie Forrester; 8, Rod Wallace; 19, Noel Whelan; 14, David White.
Championship odds: 16-1.

4, NEWCASTLE UNITED

Apart from Cole's goals and Beardsley's assists, *Newcastle's* most potent weapon last season was the surprise factor. Few heeded the warnings, until too late, and were swept away on the Tyne tide. To repeat third place, and achieve respectability in Europe, Kevin Keegan has airlifted in Albert from Belgium, much to Tottenham's dismay, and Hottiger from Switzerland. Tough to emulate 1993-94, but will endear and excite along the way.

Manager: Kevin Keegan (Feb 1992).
Transfers: In: Marc Hottiger (FC Sion, Switz, £600,000), Jason Drysdale (Watford, £425,000), Steve Guppy (Wycombe Wanderers, £150,000), Philippe Albert (Anderlecht, £2.65m).
Out: Mark Robinson (Swindon Town, £600,000), Alun Armstrong (Stockport County, free), Matthew Appleby (Darlington, free), Tony Dining (Stockport County, free).
Last season: League: 3rd. FA Cup: 4th. Coca-Cola Cup: 3rd.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 30, Mike Hooper; 1, Pavel Srnicek. Defenders: 16, Jason Drysdale; 12, Marc Hottiger; 27, Philippe Albert; 3, John Beresford; 26, Rob Elliott; 6, Steve Howey; 26, Nathan Murray; 20, Alan Neilson; 15, Darren Peacock; 2, Barry Venison; 19, Steve Watson. Midfield: 22, Richard Appleby; 4, Paul Bracewell; 10, Lee Clark; 5, Ruel Fox; 23, Chris Holland; 31, Mike Jeffrey; 7, Robert Lee; 17, Nicos Papavasiliou; 11, Scott Sellars. Forwards: 21, Malcolm Allen; 8, Peter Beardsley; 9, Andy Cole; 14, Alex Mathie; 18, Steve Guppy.
Championship odds: 15-2.

5, SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Clear-out time at Hillsborough during the summer, with five senior players handed their P45s. Palmer to Leeds United for so much was astute business. Petrescu, from Genoa, Atherton and Taylor have arrived, but Trevor Francis, the manager, is already bedevilled by injuries to his reshaped squad. Waddle will not start the season after Achilles *tendon surgery.* Still, Wednesday good for another top-ten finish if the medical bulletin eases.

Manager: Trevor Francis (June 1991).
Transfers: In: Ian Taylor (Port Vale, £1m), Peter Atherton (Coventry City, £800,000), Dan Petrescu (Genoa, £1.3m), Ian Nolan (Tranmere Rovers, £1.5m).
Out: Roland Nilsson (Helsingborg, Swe, free), *Carlton Palmer (Leeds United, £2.6m)*, Nigel Worthington (Leeds United, tribunal), Nigel Pearson (Middlesbrough, £500,000), Phil King (Aston Villa, £200,000).
Last season: League: 7th. FA Cup: 4th round. Coca-Cola Cup: *semi-finalists.*
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 13, Kevin Pressman; 1, Chris Woods; 23, Lance Key. Defenders: 22, Simon Stewart; 2, Peter Atherton; 3, Dan Petrescu; 28, Simon Coleman; 6, Brian Linighan; 12, Andy Pearce; 17, Des Walker; 24, Julian Watts; *Ian Nolan. Midfield: 14, Chris Bart-Williams; 27, Steve Brown; 16, Graham Hyde; 21, Ryan Jones; 7, Adam Poric; 11, John Sheridan; 15, Andy Sinton; 4, Ian Taylor; 25, Mike Williams; 29, Lee Briscoe. Forwards: 10, Mark Bright; 9, David Hirst; 19, Nigel Jemson; 8, Chris Waddle; 20, Gordon Watson; 26, Trevor Francis.
Championship odds: 28-1.

6, *BLACKBURN ROVERS*

Jack Walker continues to bankroll Blackburn above their station, the uncapped Sutton's signing for £5 million transporting the English transfer market onto Fantasy Island. Slater, a £300,000 snip from *Lens, looks better value, judging by* his Charity Shield showing. Rovers made a bold attempt to derail Manchester United last season but, with injuries unlimited at Ewood Park and Shearer having succumbed to seafood surprise, home and abroad knock-out competition may hold better opportunities for Kenny Dalglish.

Manager: Kenny Dalglish (Oct 1991).
Transfers: In: Chris Sutton (Norwich City, £5m), Robby Slater (Lens, Fr, £300,000), Tony Gale (West Ham United, free).
Out: David May (Manchester United, tribunal), Kevin Moran (retired), Simon Ireland (Mansfield Town, £60,000), Andy Scott (Cardiff City, free).
Last season: League: 2nd. FA Cup: 4th round. Coca-Cola Cup: 4th round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: *Matt Dickins; *1, Tim Flowers*; 13, Bobby Mimms. Defenders: 2, Tony Gale; 20, Henning Berg; 15, Richard Brown; 5, Colin Hendry; 3, Alan Wright; 6, Graeme Le Saux; 12, Nicky Marker; 18, Andy Morrison. Midfield: 22, Mark Atkins; 23, David Batty; *14, Lee Makel; 7, Stuart Ripley; 4, Tim* Sherwood; 17, Robby Slater; 24, Paul Warhurst; 11, Jason Wilcox. Forwards: 8, Kevin Gallacher; 10, Mike Newell; 25, Ian Pearce; 9, Alan Shearer; 16, Chris Sutton.
Championship odds: 4-1.

7, LIVERPOOL

Roy Evans's transition from Boot Room underling to managerial mastermind has turned into an eight-month ordeal. His players *are a curious* bunch, some of whom weep loudly in public when dropped, enjoy less than discreet nightclub visits or freely exhibit an odd fascination for beer bottle labels. All demand fat contracts for, as yet, scant return. Troubled times *at Anfield and no more* Grobbelaar or heaving Kop, either.

Manager: Roy Evans (Jan 1994).
Transfers: In: Michael Stensgaard (Hvidovre, Den, £300,000).
Out: Torben Piechnik (AGF Aarhus, Den, free transfer), Bruce Grobbelaar (Southampton, free), Rod McAree (Bristol City, free), Scott Paterson (Bristol City, free), John Scott (Caledonian Thistle, free), Nicky Tanner (retired).
Last season: League: 8th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Coca-Cola Cup: 4th round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 1, David James; 13, Michael Stensgaard. Defenders: 17, Stig-Inge Bjornebye; 3, Julian Dicks; 2, Rob Jones; 21, Dominic Matteo; 6, Neil Ruddock; 4, Steve Nicol; 5, Mark Wright. Midfield: 24, *Phil Charnock*; 19, Steve Harkness; 20, Don Hutchison; 11, Steve McManaman; 14, Jan Molby; 8, Jamie Redknapp; 15, Paul Stewart; 16, Michael Thomas; 18, Mark Walters. Forwards: 10, John Barnes; 7, Nigel Clough; 12, Robbie Fowler; 23, Lee Jones; 9, Ian Rush.
Championship odds: 18-1.

8, CHELSEA

Earning a place in Europe, after losing 4-0 in an FA Cup final, appears strange reward, yet Chelsea mesmerised Manchester United *for long periods in the first half* at Wembley in May. With Furlong, Rocastle and Minto now on board at the Bridge, for a combined £4.3 million outlay, Glenn Hoddle has strengthened all departments. Cascarino's departure for disgraced Marseilles will not be mourned but Stein's recurring ankle injury creates headaches.

Manager: Glenn Hoddle (June 1993).
Transfers: In: Scott Minto (Charlton Athletic, £775,000), Paul Furlong (Watford, £2.3 million), David Rocastle (Manchester City, £1.25m).
Out: Tony Cascarino (Marseilles, free), Paul Elliott (retired).
Last season: League: 14th. FA Cup: finalists. Coca-Cola Cup: 3rd round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 13, Kevin Hitchcock; 1, Dmitri Kharine. Defenders: 22, Anthony Barness; 2, Steve Clarke; 3, Scott Minto; 20, Glenn Hoddle; 5, Erland Johnsen; 4, Jakob Kjeldbjerg; 6, Frank Sinclair. Midfield: 21, David Rocastle; 14, Darren Barnard; 12, Craig Burley; 16, David Hopkin; 15, Andy Myers; 18, Eddie Newton; 17, Nigel Spackman; 11, Dennis Wise. Forwards: 8, Paul Furlong; 10, Gavin Peacock; 7, John Spencer; 9, Mark Stein; 19, Neil Shipperley.
Championship odds: 40-1.

9, *WIMBLEDON*

Off-loading Fashanu to Aston Villa was smart but Joe Kinnear, the manager, has unearthed a nest of vipers, and vipers' agents, at Selhurst Park. Where Fashanu has trod, others want to follow, tempted *by talk of great riches to be had in* the Premiership's promised land. Unless Kinnear can appease the money-grabbing members of his rogues' gallery, Wimbledon's sixth place last season, a club record, will become but a fleeting memory.

Manager: Joe Kinnear (March 1992).
Transfers: In: Mick Harford (Coventry, £70,000).
Out: John Fashanu (Aston Villa, £1.3m).
Last season: League: 6th. FA Cup: 5th round. Coca-Cola Cup: 5th round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 1, Hans Segers; 23, Neil Sullivan. Defenders: 14, Gerald Dobbs; 17, Roger Joseph; 2, Warren Barton; 5, Dean Blackwell; 12, Gary Elkins; 6, Scott Fitzgerald; 16, Alan Kimble; 3, Brian *McAllister*; 15, John Scales; 27, Justin Skinner; 21, Chris Parry. Midfield: 26, Neal Ardley; 19, Stewart Castledine; 8, Robbie Earle; 24, Peter Fear; 4, Vinnie Jones; 18, Steve Talboys; 30, Mark Thomas. Forwards: 11, Gary Blissett; 7, *Andy Clarke; 20, Marcus Gayle; 10, Dean* Holdsworth; 22, Aidan Newhouse; 29, Grant Payne.
Championship odds: 50-1.

10, CRYSTAL PALACE

Alan Smith, whose honesty shames most managers, believes his Endsleigh League champions have acquired the *mental resilience to* pluck a few Premiership plumes. A season in the first division, licking wounds and opposition, has produced a competent team with increasing confidence. Armstrong's pace and self-belief, the guile of Wilkins, 37, and the sweet left foot of Preece will scare, if not ultimately overcome, the high and mighty.

Manager: Alan Smith (June 1993).
Transfers: In: Ray Wilkins (Queens Park Rangers, free), Darren Pitcher (Charlton Athletic, player exchange plus £50,000), Andy Preece (Stockport County, £350,000), Rhys Wilmott (Grimsby Town, £80,000), Tony Connelly (Arsenal, free), Craig Nelson (Partick Thistle, free).
Out: Martyn O'Connor (Walsall, £40,000), Andy Woodman (Exeter City, free), David Whyte (Charlton Athletic, player exchange), Paul Mortimer (Charlton Athletic, player exchange), Simon Osborne (Reading, £90,000), Stuart Massey (Oxford United, free).
Last season: League: First division champions. FA Cup: 3rd round. Coca-Cola Cup: 3rd round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 25, Jimmy Glass; 1, Nigel Martyn; 19, Rhys Wilmott. Defenders: 6, Chris Coleman; 3, Dean Gordon; 2, John Humphrey; 22, Darren Patterson; 16, Darren Pitcher; 14, Richard Shaw; 20, Andy Thorne; 5, Eric Young. Midfield: 4, Gareth Southgate; 21, Ian Cox; 15, Bobby Bowry; 24, George Ndah; 12, Damien Matthew; 7, Simon Rodger; 8, Ray Wilkins; 23, Ricky Newman. Forwards: 9, Chris Armstrong; 18, Andy Preece; 11, John Salako; 10, Bruce Dyer; 17, Paul Williams.
Championship odds: 80-1.

11, QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Gerry Francis ages by the *second* at Loftus Road, constantly looking over his shoulder to see who his players are talking to and which clubs they represent. Such was the sell, sell, sell philosophy under Richard Thompson, the chairman. However, Thompson has stepped down and Ferdinand re-signed. No more weaving from Wilkins but watch out for Gallen, 18, a forward *who once scored eight goals in a* Rangers youth team rout of Charlton Athletic.

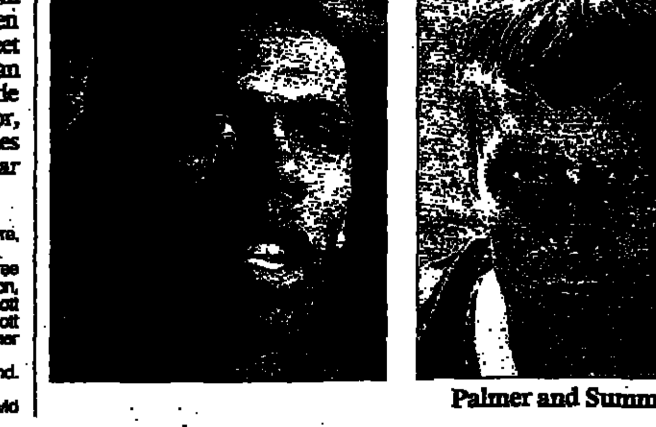
Manager: Gerry Francis (May 1991).
Transfers: In: Sieb Dykstra (Motherwell, £250,000), Massimo Mauro (Napoli, It, tribunal).
Out: Ray Wilkins (Crystal Palace, free), Darren Finlay (Doncaster Rovers, free), Doug Freedman (Barnet, free), *Stephen Gallen* (Doncaster Rovers, free), Jan Stejskal (Slavia Prague, Cz Rep, free).
Last season: League: 9th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Coca-Cola Cup: 4th round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 13, Sieb Dykstra; 1, Tony Roberts. Defenders: 2, David Bardsley; 15, Rufus Brevett; 7, Andy Impey; 18, Alan McCarthy; 4, Steve Yates; 6, Alan McDonald; 16, Danny Maddix; 3, Clive Wilson; 21, Tony Witter. Midfield: 14, Simon Barker; 22, Michael Meaker; 5, Karl Ready; 11, Trevor Sinclair; 8, Ian Holloway. Forwards: 10, Bradley Allen; 17, Dennis Bailey; 9, Les Ferdinand; 20, Kevin Gallen; 12, Gary Penrice; 19, Devon White.
Championship odds: 66-1.

12, NORWICH CITY

One of the more upsetting stories of last season as the swift-passing conquerors of Bayern Munich drifted among the also-rans after the acrimonious departure of Mike Walker, *their manager*, to Everton. Norwich won only two of their last 20 league matches. John Deehan, Walker's replacement, must use wisely the £5 million from the sale of Sutton and quickly rediscover the free-range spirit and camaraderie of Carrow Road. Purchases of Bradshaw, Milligan and Newsome none too inspiring, though.

Manager: John Deehan (Jan 1994).
Transfers: In: Mike Milligan (Oldham Athletic, £850,000), Jon Newsome (Leeds United, £1m), Carl Bradshaw (Sheffield United, £500,000).
Out: Chris Sutton (Blackburn Rovers, £5m), Colin Woodthorpe (Aberdeen, £400,000), Dave Smith (Oxford United, £100,000).
Last season: League: 12th. FA Cup: 4th round. Coca-Cola Cup: 3rd round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 1, Bryan Gunn; 13, Scott Howie; 24, Andy Marshall. Defenders: 2, Mark Bowen; 17, Ian Butterworth; 12, Ian Culverhouse; 29, Stacey Kreft; 3, Rob Newman; 5, Jon Newsome; 10, John Polston; 14, Spencer Prior. Midfield: 6, Neil Adams; 16, Carl Bradshaw; 23, Shaun Carey; 4, Ian Crook; 27, Alistair Gibb; 11, Jeremy Goss; 19, Andy Johnson; 8, Mike Milligan; 31, Marcus Oldbury; 21, Keith O'Neill; 30, Jimmy Simpson; 18, Robert Ullathorne. Forwards: 26, Ade Akinbiyi; 25, Jamie Cureton; 20, Darren Eadie; 7, Efan Ekoku; 28, Justin Harrington; 9, Mark Robins; 15, Daryl Sutch.
Championship odds: 150-1.

Player	To	From	Fee
Chris Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	Norwich City	£5 million
Philippe Albert	*Newcastle United*	*Anderlecht*	£2.65 *million*
Ilie Dumitrescu	Tottenham Hotspur	Steaua Bucharest	£2.6 million
Carlton Palmer	Leeds United	Sheffield Wed	£2.6 million
Bryan Roy	Notm Forest	Foggia	£2.5 million
Paul Furlong	Chelsea	Watford	£2.3 million
Vinny Samways	Everton	Tottenham	£2.2 million
Jürgen Klinsmann	Tottenham Hotspur	Monaco	£2 million
Stefan Schwarz	Arsenal	Benfica	£1.75 million
Ian Nolan	Tranmere Rovers	Sheffield Wed	£1.5 million
Nicky Summerbee	Manchester City	*Swindon*	£1.5 million



Palmer and Summerbee

13, TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Name any player, especially with continental connections, and Tottenham have been linked with him during the summer. Alan Sugar, chairman, and Osvaldo Ardiles, manager, have cast their nets far and wide to catch fine specimens in *Klinsmann, the acrobatic German,* and Dumitrescu. Forced to function with a six-point penalty, though, and having failed to bolster a terminaly fragile defence, best they can hope for is a middle-of-the-road campaign. Unlikely to figure in FA Cup.

Manager: Osvaldo Ardiles (June 1993).
Transfers: In: Jürgen Klinsmann (Monaco, Fr, £2m), Ilie Dumitrescu (Steau Bucharest, Rom, £2.6m).
Out: *Neil le Bihan (Peterborough United, free)*, Steve Sedgley (Ipswich Town, £1m), Jeff Minton (Brighton, free), Vinny Samways (Everton, £2.2m), Danny Foot (Southend United, free), Lee Hodges (Barnet, free), Junior MacDonald (Brighton, free), Paul Moran (Peterborough United, free), Glyn Hurst (Barnsley, free).
Last season: League: 15th. FA Cup: 4th round. Coca-Cola Cup: 5th round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 30, Chris Day; 1, Erik Thorstvedt; 13, Ian Walker. Defenders: 2, Dean Austin; 5, Colin Calderwood; 23, Sol Campbell; 3, Justin Edinburgh; 22, David Kerslake; 6, Gary Mabbutt; 14, Stuart Nethercott; 8, Kevin Scott; 27, Steve Carr. Midfield: 20, Darren Caskey; 19, Ilie Dumitrescu; 12, Jason Dozzell; 16, Micky Hazard; 21, Danny Hill; 15, David Howells. Forwards: 9, Darren Anderton; 7, Nick Barmby; 18, Jürgen Klinsmann; 24, Paul Mahorn; 11, Ronnie Rosenthal; 10, Teddy Sheringham.
Championship odds: 40-1.

14, ASTON VILLA

Did Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, soak up too much sun in the United States during the summer? His World Cup comments amused and enlightened yet, on returning home, he signed Fashanu, 30, of Wimbledon "Crazy Gang" fame, *for £1.35 million. Crazy, indeed.* Atkinson has also enlisted Lamptey, the Ghanaian wonderkid, for £1 million, but it barely reduced the age average of a wrinkly squad at Villa Park. Europe beckons, though, via the Coca-Cola Cup success of last season. Might be a welcome diversion from domestic disharmony.

Manager: Ron Atkinson (June 1991).
Transfers: In: Phil King (Sheffield Wednesday, £200,000), John Fashanu (Wimbledon, £1.3m), Nii Lamptey (Anderlecht, Bel, £1m).
Out: Neil Cox (Middlesbrough, £750,000), Steve Froggatt (Wolverhampton Wanderers, £1m), Tony Daley (Wolverhampton Wanderers, £1.25m), Dariusz Kubicki (Sunderland, £100,000), Matthias Breitkreutz (Hertha Berlin, £125,000), Stefan Beinlich (Hansa Rostock, Ger, £125,000).
Last season: League: 10th. FA Cup: 5th round. Coca-Cola Cup: winners.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 13, Mark Bosnich; 30, Michael Oakes; 1, Nigel Spink. Defenders: 2, Earl Barrett; 15, Phil King; 16, Ugo Ehiogu; 5, Paul McGrath; 20, Bryan Small; 3, Steve Staunton; 4, Shaun Teale. Midfield: 7, Ray Houghton; 14, Garry Parker; 6, Kevin Richardson; 11, Andy Townsend; 12, Nii Lamptey. Forwards: 10, Dalian Atkinson; 21, *David Farrell*; 8, John Fashanu; 18, Graham Fenton; 9, Dean Saunders; 22, Guy Whittingham; 18, Dwight Yorke.
Championship odds: 33-1.

15, *NOTTINGHAM FOREST*

With the ghost of Cloughie at last exorcised, Frank Clark can now *operate without fear of complaint* or comparison. Collected only compliments on the final run-in to the Endsleigh League runners-up slot and, with the boy Roy safely ensconced from Foggia for £2.5 million, Forest can uproot a few Premiership trees. Lightweight midfield causes concern but Collymore can tread boldly and reek similar havoc to that which reaped 24 goals in league and Coca-Cola Cup last season.

Manager: Frank Clark (May 1993).
Transfers: In: Malcolm Rigby (Notts County, £50,000), Bryan Roy (Foggia, It, £2.5m).
Out: Lee Glover (Port Vale, £200,000), Ray Byrne (Northampton Town, free), Ian Kilford (Wigan Athletic, free), Mark Statham (Wigan Athletic, free).
Last season: League: First division runners-up. FA Cup: 3rd round. Coca-Cola Cup: 6th round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 1, Mark Crossley; 13, Tommy Wright; *Malcolm Rigby. Defenders: 13, Dale Wright; 5, Steve Chettle; 4, Colin Cooper; 18, Alf Inge Haaland; 19, Brian Laws; 2, Des Lyttle; 3, Stuart Pearce; 6, Carl Tiler. Midfield: 7, David Phillips; 17, Kingsley Black; 9, Lars Bohinen; 8, Scot Gemmill; 11, Steve Stone; 16, Neil Webb; 14, Ian Woan. Forwards: 21, Gary Bull; 10, Stan Collymore; 20, Gary Crosby; 15, Robert Rosario; 22, Bryan Roy; 12, Jason Lee.
Championship odds: 50-1.

16, MANCHESTER CITY

Brian Horton, he of the haunted look, experienced a hideous first season in the Maine *Road* hot seat, with political unrest and player apathy almost ending in relegation. Now Francis Lee, chairman and racehorse trainer, has restored calm in his newest stable, Horton can concentrate on matters football. Much will *depend on the* fitness of Quinn. Few thoroughbreds in the squad, and no chance of finishing in the first three, but will not be tailed off.

Manager: Brian Horton (Sept 1993).
Transfers: In: Nicky Summerbee (Swindon Town, £1.5m), Ray Kelly (Athlone, Ire, £30,000).
Out: David Rocastle (Chelsea, £1.25m).
Last season: League: 16th. FA Cup: 4th round. Coca-Cola Cup: 4th round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 1, Tony Coton; 25, Andy Dibble; 13, Martyn Margetson. Defenders: 18, David Brightwell; 12, Ian Brightwell; 5, Keith Curle; 22, Richard Edghill; 2, Andy Hill; 29, John Foster; 27, Rae Ingram; 15, Alan Kernaghan; 3, Terry Phelan; 6, Michel Vonk. Midfield: 16, Nicky Summerbee; 11, Peter Beagrie; 10, Garry Flitcroft; 20, Alfons Groenendijk; 23, David Kerr; 31, Paul Lake; 21, Steve Lomas; 4, Steve McMahon; 17, Michael Quigley; 19, Fitzroy Simpson. Forwards: 30, Steve Finney; 14, Carl Griffiths; *Ray Kelly; 24, Adie Mike; 9, Niall Quinn; 28, Uwe Rösler; 26, Mike Sheron; 8, Paul Walsh.
Championship odds: 40-1.

17, EVERTON

Escaped from the jaws of hell — the Endsleigh League first division — last season, with Mike Walker, the manager, wondering why he had left the comparative heaven of Norwich City in mid-term. Now the boardroom conflict has settled, *he should have a smoother ride,* but why are players declining the lure of Goodison? Samways, under-achiever at White Hart Lane and overpriced at £2.2 million, has been the only taker. Questions galore at Everton, with few answers in sight.

Manager: Mike Walker (Jan 1994).
Transfers: In: Vinny Samways (Tottenham Hotspur, £2.2m).
Out: Predrag Radosavljevic (Portsmouth, £100,000), Mark Ward (Birmingham City, £500,000 over two years), Paul Tait (Wigan Athletic, free).
Last season: League: 17th FA Cup: 3rd round. Coca-Cola Cup: 4th round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 13, Jason Kearton; 31, Stephen Reeves; 1, Neville Southall. Defenders: 25, Neil Moore; 6, Gary Ablett; 3, Andy Hinchcliffe; 12, Paul Holmes; 2, Matt Jackson; 4, Ian Snodin; 26, David Unsworth; 5, Dave Watson. Midfield: 23, Alex Smith; 30, Dan Leeming; 28, Chris Price; 14, John Ebbrell; 29, Tony Grant; 27, Mark Grugel; 10, Barry Horne, 24, Chris Priest; 7, Vinny Samways; 8, Graham Stuart, 17, Anders Limpar; 18, Joe Parkinson. Forwards: 22, Brett Angell; 19, Stuart Barlow; 9, Tony Cottee; 15, Paul Rideout; 21, Gary Rowett.
Championship odds: 40-1.

18, WEST HAM UNITED

Supporters entitled to wonder what is going on, with Billy Bonds, the manager, unceremoniously edged out after 27 years' service, and Joey Beauchamp, a £1 million signing from Oxford United, swiftly sold on to Swindon Town for a £300,000 loss after continually wailing how tired and emotional he was. Bonds deserved better; Beauchamp needs a shrink. Harry Redknapp, replacing Bonds, faces an onerous task in papering over the Upton Park cracks.

Manager: Harry Redknapp (Aug 1994).
Transfers: In: John Moncur (Swindon Town, £1m), Joey Beauchamp (Oxford United, £1m), Ian Feuer (Los Angeles Salsa, £70,000), Adrian *Whitbread (Swindon Town, player exchange).*
Out: Tony Gale (Blackburn Rovers, free), Joey Beauchamp (Swindon Town, player exchange plus £350,000).
Last season: League: 13th. FA Cup: 6th round. Coca-Cola Cup: 3rd round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 21, Ian Feuer; 1, Ludek Miklosko. Defenders: 2, Tim Breacker; 15, Kenny Brown; 3, David Burrows; 5, Alvin Martin; 24, Paul Mitchell; 4, Steve Potts; 12, Keith Rowland; 18, Simon Webster; *Adrian Whitbread. Midfield: 6, Martin Allen; 7, Ian Bishop; 8, Peter Butler; 11, Matthew Holmes; 19, Mike Marsh; 10, John Moncur; 14, *Matthew Rush; 20, Danny Williamson.* Forwards: 16, Lee Chapman; 23, Dale Gordon; 17, Steve Jones; 9, Trevor Morley; 25, Jeroen Boere.
Championship odds: 80-1.

19, COVENTRY CITY

One of the top division's longest survivors, since 1967, yet little summer change at Highfield Road suggests only small change for hardy supporters. Phil Neal's efforts to secure Lalas, the goateed guitar player from the United States, proved fruitless, though Jones, Lalas's floppy-haired team-*mate*, gave in to temptation. A customary bright start, fading into tears and jeers. At least Ndlovu and Babb — for now — remain rich pickings.

Manager: Phil Neal (Nov 1993).
Transfers: In: Cobi Jones (US Soccer Federation, £300,000), Paul Cook (Wolverhampton, £600,000).
Out: Peter Atherton (Sheffield Wednesday, £800,000), Ray Woods (Shrewsbury Town, free), Mick Harford (Wimbledon, £70,000).
Last season: League: 11th. FA Cup: 3rd *round. Coca-Cola Cup: 3rd round.*
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 23, Martin Davies; 13, Jonathan Gould; 1, Steve Ogrizovic. Defenders: 6, Phil Babb; 2, Brian Borrows; 20, Dave Busst; 3, Steve Morgan, 17, *Ally Pickering. Midfield: 11, Willie Boland*, 4, Julian Darby; 7, Sean Flynn; 5, David Rennie; 18, Sandy Robertson; 21, Tony Sheridan, 8, Roy Wegerle; 12, John Williams, 16, Paul Williams. Forwards: 22, Cobi Jones; 19, John Gayle; 15, Mick Harford; 14, Leigh Jenkinson, 9, Peter Ndlovu; 10, Mick Quinn.
Championship odds: 150-1

20, SOUTHAMPTON

Quite why Le Tissier signed a fresh three-year contract at The Dell beggars belief, although Alan Ball will be offering thanks to the Almighty that he did. Must be something to do with the sea air, just a short hop from his beloved Guernsey. Le Tissier's 25 goals, many of them minor classics, kept his team-mates in the Premiership last season and Ball will need much *of the same for Southampton to* survive again. Recruitment of Grobbelaar at least adds entertainment value.

Manager: Alan Ball (Jan 1994).
Transfers: In: Bruce Grobbelaar (Liverpool, free), Peter Whiston (Exeter City, £30,000).
Out: Steve Wood (Oxford United, free), Kevin Moore (Fulham, free), Martin Thomas (Fulham, free), Richard Rowe (Bristol City, free)
Last season: League: 18th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Coca-Cola Cup: 2nd round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: *Bruce Grobbelaar; 1, Dave Beasant; 23, Neil Hopper 13, Ian Andrews. Defenders: 22, Matthew Bound; 14, Simon Charlton; 15, Jason Dodd; 5, Richard Hall; 2, Jeff Kenna; 6, Ken Monkou Midfield: 11, Paul Allen; 25, Neal Bartlett, 3, Francis Benali; 18, David Hughes, 10, Neil Maddison; 4, Jim Magilton; 21, Tommy Widdrington; 20, Peter Whiston. Forwards: 16, Nicky Banger; 24, Frank Bennett; 9, Iain Dowie. 17, Perry Groves; 12, Neil Heaney, 7, Matthew Le Tissier; 19, Paul McDonald, 8, Craig Maskell.
Championship odds: 150-1.

21, IPSWICH TOWN

Now the Portman Road paint has dried — there was precious little else to watch at the Suffolk club last season — Ipswich supporters will be praying that John Lyall, having reverted to manager, took note of the tasty titbits on view during the World Cup. Subtlety and skill. Is it *too much to ask for?* Wark, 37, starts his 22nd league campaign, as first team player-coach, while Sedgley, £1 million-worth of left foot from Tottenham, has arrived.

Manager: John Lyall (May 1994).
Transfers: In: Steve Sedgley (Tottenham Hotspur, £1m), Claus Thomsen (Aarhus, Den, £250,000).
Out: Paul Goddard (retired).
Last season: League: 19th FA Cup: 5th round. Coca-Cola Cup: 3rd round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 13, Clive Baker; 1, Craig Forrest, 23, Phil Morgan. Defenders: 8, Gavin Johnson, 6, David Linighan; 2, Mick Stockwell; 3, Neil Thompson; 5, John Wark; 15, Phil Whelan; 19, Frank Yallop; 16, Eddie Youds. Midfield: 22, Lee Durrant; 20, David Gregory, 4, Paul Mason; 17, Simon Milton; 18, Steve Palmer, 14, Steve Sedgley; 21, Stuart Slater; 12, Claus Thomsen; 7, Geraint Williams. Forwards: 9, Bontcho Guentchev; 11, Chris Kiwomya, 10, Ian Marshall.
Championship odds: 300-1.

22, LEICESTER CITY

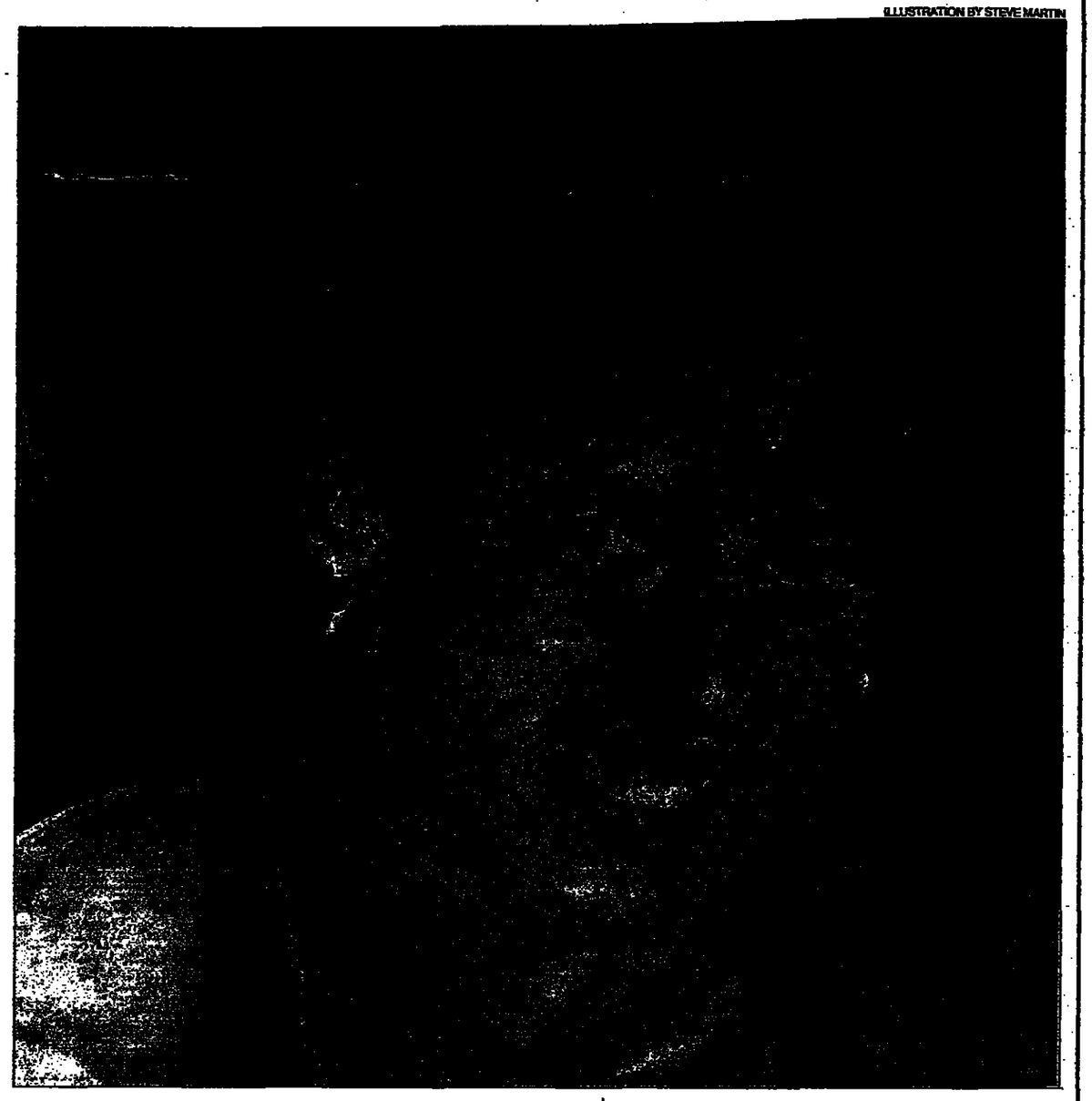
Filbert Street has taken a record £2.5 million in season ticket sales, an exercise in blind faith if nothing else. Draper, from Notts County, *might inject a touch of class but a* five-strong defence, a penchant for the long ball and a disciplinary record of 69 bookings and six sendings-off last season indicates few frills from Brian Little's first division play-off winners.

Manager: Brian Little (May 1991).
Transfers: In: Nicky Mohan (Middlesbrough, £350,000), Mark Draper (Notts County, £1.25m).
Out: Tony James (Hereford United, free), Russell Hart (Lincoln City, free).
Last season: League: 4th (First division). FA Cup: 3rd round Coca-Cola Cup: 3rd round.
1994-95 squad: Goalkeepers: 33, Kevin Poole; 1, Gavin Ward; 32, Russell Hoult. Defenders: 15, Brian Carey; 14, Nicky Mohan, 23, Gary Coatsworth; 2, Simon Grayson; 19, Colin Hill; 24, Neil Lewis; 22, Gary Mills; 3, Mike Whitlow; 4, *Jimmy Willis*; 12, Richard Smith. Midfield: 29, Sam McMahon; 10, Mark Draper, 6, Steve Agnew; 8, Mark Blake; 25, David Lowe; 20, David Oldfield; 21, Lee Philpott; 30, Steve Thompson. Forwards: 26, Neil Maisey. 31, Scott Eustace; 26, *Phil Gee*; 7, *Julian* Joachim; 11, Ian Ormondroyd; 9, Iwan Roberts; 18, David Speedie; 16, Ian Thompson; 5, Steve Walsh; 27, Colin Gibson.
Championship odds: 300-1.

Saturday portrait: Karen Pickering by Craig Lord

Rebel making waves in the fast lane of world swimming

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



Eureka! The first female world champion swimmer from these shores. Archimedes would surely have been glad to utter his immortal cry in recognition of Karen Pickering and her high-floating freestyle.

Yet for those who run British swimming and rub their hands in glee at Pickering's progress, her public fêting brings on private nightmares. Neither their discovery nor their invention, she stamps on the sensibilities of the ruling amateurs with the ambition of a dollar-hungry broker hunting the big deal. Her success is a monument to the competitive nature of free enterprise in the face of the central controllers she loves to hate but would not be without.

They help to keep her sharp and helped to keep short the acceptance speeches for her world short-course (25 metres pool) 200 metres freestyle title, won in the second-fastest time in history (1min 56.25sec, a Commonwealth record) last December, and the subsequent MBE. Thanks to mum, dad, her coach, Dave Champion, a doctor here, a sponsoring butcher there. Names for slaughter are reserved for her thumbnail profile, which reads: "Dislikes: officious people". She is not shy to show it.

In past controversies she has decried selectors for failing to ensure that Champion accompanies her to competitions, lambasted organisers of "death" camps for British team training for wasting her time and others' money and dismissed as "amateurs in every sense" those who allowed team spirit to sink to a "suicidal low" at the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992. Her views were accepted and there has been no training camp for the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, where she swims her favoured 200 metres today.

The training camp for Barcelona provided her with every excuse to extend her invective to the BBC cameraman who toppled in on top of her, £20,000 camera in tow, during pre-Games filming at Narbonne, France, injuring her back. She did not, preferring to shut out the incident as something that could, unlike the foot she broke in 1991, do more psychological than physical harm. Her time in the heats of the 200 metres freestyle in Spain failed to get her into the final, and though a fast time in the B final helped to ease the pain, it was scant consolation.

In her remarks to the Heatley inquiry into the poor show at Barcelona, Pickering wrote: "It is one of my biggest regrets that I went to Narbonne." There was "no way" she would attend another camp. Camps are now optional.

Her harshest words are reserved for the whispering critics of the science-based training programme, inspired by methods tried and tested by Germans and Russians, that she and Champion employ at Ipswich. "They are nothing but blinkered idiots. The Germans were using blood lactate tests more than 20 years ago but there's still no proper programme in British swimming. They haven't even acknowledged we need one."

> 'There were lots of tantrums. She always pushed for what she wanted and often got it'

Such views and naked ambition are echoed by Champion, eight years older than his 22-year-old pupil. "There is no length we will not go to to make sure Karen's talent is exploited to the full. There is nothing to look up to in Britain; we look beyond," he said, a flick of the hand indicating both the wider world from which he draws experience and his contempt for those sceptical of science in sport.

Yet to agree with Pickering's view that she has achieved in spite of, not because of, the system, would be improper. For it is her reaction to the past blunderings of the governing bodies (the Amateur Swimming Association of England and the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain) that has fed the fires of a woman who revels in contrariness and finds fun in the novelty of having officials, coaches and rivals fawn over her since December.

"I can't get enough of it. To think these people could only scoff a year ago," Pickering said with a laugh, throwing back her head of once-bleached, now closely cropped, brown hair, an outward sign of the metamorphosis from also-swam to world champion. The silencing of critics coincided with her more sedate look. But present "normality" is, if anything, the greater mask. For Pickering is a show-off, and she admits as much.

"I like to draw attention to myself," she said unashamedly. The bygone white hair and fluorescent leggings, not to mention the hip-length red wig she still likes to wear to turn heads while out shopping, tell of a woman who wants to make the biggest impression possible. Vulgar, maybe, but useful when one of the essentials to being the best is to believe you are just that.

Her confident outlook puts her at one with those few British women whose achievements in the more important long-course (50 metres pool) events she has yet to emulate. Judy Grinham and Anita Lonsbrough were both Olympic champions when there were no world championships, while the best efforts of Sharron Davies and Sarah Hardcastle, now back after a six-year break, earned them silver medals at the Olympics and have been an inspiration to Pickering, who represents Britain's best hope of ending the 36-year wait for an Olympic champion.

Deedee Pickering, a former Dutch swimmer who taught her three-year-old water skills and later played chauffeur throughout the years when 5am starts for 6am training were a daily chore, confirmed her daughter's temperament. "There were lots of tantrums," she said. "She always pushed for what she wanted and often got it. She's always been very competitive and stubborn."

Those formative years at Hove, where she was born a few eves before Christmas in 1971, imbued her a sporting ethic, but she found time to achieve two A levels, in art and economics. At the Shiverers club in Brighton they had her marked down as a pure sprinter. "It was only when I followed Dave to Ipswich that we really started to work at the 200 [metres]," she said. Champion's judgment has proved invaluable.

Scientists at the German Olympic testing centre in Hamburg display pictures of Pickering on their walls as having a "theoretical optimum" technique at freestyle. She also outstripped the power tests of East Germans taken at the height of the medal factory's success in the 1970s and 1980s.

Her muscle-to-fat ratio is high from a careful diet, a weekly toil of more than 50km in the pool on top of gym work, and a creatine phosphate drink that is taken by many leading athletes and has been described as "like drinking the equivalent of 20 good steaks".

Pickering's 5ft 9½in, 9st 3lb frame has carried her to 24 national titles since 1988 and helped to attract, this year, £62,000 of sponsorship, much of that in a Nuclear Electric package to take her beyond the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996, the year in which she hopes to reach her peak.

For now, the Commonwealth Games are upon her and the world long-course championships at Rome next month loom large. She reflects on her short-course victory and looks forward to the long-course battles she must win to confirm her worth. With the almost manic look of one obsessed momentarily creeping round the edges of her infectious smile, she says: "There's no feeling in the world like passing the others on your way down that last length. It's the biggest thrill in the world... It's animalistic."

Rugby league faces taxing centenary

The Australian influence looms large over what could prove a make-or-break season for many clubs, **Christopher Irvine** reports

Matching perspiration on the field with inspiration off it remains the greatest dilemma at the start of the hundredth rugby league season. The latest potential watershed is one the sport cannot let pass under the bridge.

The advent of the London Broncos and the autumn tour by Australia, the most significant in Great Britain's 86-year rivalry, are clear opportunities for progress before the Centenary World Cup here in 1995. Then there is the boot about to go up the backsides of many of the 32 professional clubs, which teeter on the edge largely because of financial ineptitude.

Shape up or ship out is the likely consequence of a year-long investigation by an independent marketing firm into competence at club level about to be published. Its findings will make difficult reading for the pertinent chairmen. Marketing and public relations will not come easily to most clubs, where salesmanship is an alien concept.

In a decade of marvellous achievement by players and coaches and tailored refinement to rules that are the envy of other sports, the game itself remains locked in stasis around three counties. Even the 50,000 paying public has stayed the same.

Spreading the habit holds the key, and revolution is seemingly poised to replace 99 years of evolutionary stalemate. Cutting off the leg would mean some weaker clubs closing or merging. But a stronger body, hopefully rid of the parochialist inertia that has stymied development, could at least prosper.



Meninga: new Bronco

With the gloves off after a period of amnesty, the Inland Revenue has its claws into several clubs, so the bloodletting might start prematurely. What Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, calls painful hard truths are not quite so bad as to prevent all 32 clubs reaching the start line for the 1994-95 campaign, but change can no longer be ignored.

In the long-term ambition to extend rugby league's natural boundaries, much hinges on London Broncos. In the second division, and still at the Barnet Copthall stadium, it would be rash to judge the club on one season. What Brisbane Broncos, the owners, bring is £1.5 million capital, commitment and Mal Meninga, the Australia captain, after the Kangaroos' 14-match tour.

Great Britain beating Australia in a three-match home series for the first time since 1959 would provide a more immediate fillip. In each of the last three series, Britain has nicked one win. Against a country steeped in the sport with a surfeit of playing riches, there are grounds for optimism.

Player for player, Martin Offiah, Shaun Edwards, Paul Newlove, Denis Betts and new talents, such as Andrew Farrell and Jason Robinson, are a match. Where Australia remain a step ahead is in their ability to produce huge and highly mobile young forwards.

Worrying, too, is the lack of an obvious successor at stand-off half to Garry Schofield, the Britain captain, whose diminished speed makes him a possible weak link. Unless the first international at Wembley on October 22 is won, Australian momentum for an eleventh consecutive series victory could prove irresistible.

Nonetheless, there is a respect nowadays for the British game, especially after the defeat of Brisbane by Wigan in the World Club Challenge in June. The defensive prowess of Wigan that night ended the notion that English sides buckle under pressure.

Winfield Cup sides, too, have even turned to England for recruitment, reversing years of mainly one-way player traffic. Wigan are better placed to withstand the departures of Andy Platt and Dean Bell to Auckland Warriors, than Castleford are the loss of Mike Ford and St John Ellis to South Queensland Crushers.

Inferior points difference cost Bradford Northern and Warrington the championship last season, and St Helens the year before. With Leeds, who began their programme last night at Workington, and Halifax, several clubs should again run Wigan close, just not close enough to prevent a sixth successive league title ending up at Central Park.

AUSTRALIAN TOUR ITINERARY: Oct 2: Cumbria (Workington). Oct 5: Leeds. Oct 8: Wigan. Oct 12: Castleford. Oct 16: Halifax. Oct 22: Great Britain (Wembley). Oct 26: Sheffield Eagles. Oct 30: Wales (Ninian Park, Cardiff). Nov 1: St Helens. Nov 6: Great Britain (Old Trafford). Nov 9: Warrington. Nov 13: Bradford Northern. Nov 15: Great Britain under-21 (Gateshead). Nov 20: Great Britain (Elland Road).

And now, back in the middle with you . . .



SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

Just what will the England cricketers be required to wear when they take part in the ludicrously named World Series of one-dayers in Australia this winter? The Australian Cricket Board has taken over the packaging from Kerry Packer's PBL Marketing, and the motto is anything Packer can do, the ACB can do better. Or not, of course.

The presentataion is based on "radically designed uniforms, each with a specific motif", which sounds, well, awesome. The Australian teams — the daft competition contains both Australia and Australia B, somewhat overplaying the Home Interest card, but only at the expense of the competition's credibility (so that's all right) — will wear outfits bearing the Southern Cross. Precisely what they will dream up for England and Zimbabwe remains to be seen. The plan is to up the showbiz side of the one-day game: players will get individual announcements as they walk to the pitch, perhaps with their own personalised theme music. (Michael Atherton will no doubt get a track from *Sticky Fingers*.)

If this all sounds too ghastly for words, then the cunning plan is working. The idea is to increase the differentiation between real or Test cricket, and the silly or one-day game. PBL pushed most of its resources into a hysterical presentation of pyjama cricket. This time, the one-dayers will be pushed with the slogan "Catch it while it's hot"; while the Tests will be sold with: "This is a Test. Cricket at its best."

Struck out

The baseball strike is in full swing in the United States, and, naturally, television has needed to fill the vacuum left by the loss of the national pastime. The minor leagues are not on strike, and so, inevitably, the 24-hour sports channel, ESPN, went out into the boondocks of the game looking for stories. And by stories, they mean Michael Jordan. The greatest basketball player who ever drew breath is still doggedly pursuing his ambitions in baseball, hitting the odd single for the class AA team, Birmingham Barons. But the prospect of a respite from the dreary business of the strike was too much for the gods of fate. The day before Jordan was to appear in a nationally televised game, he slipped in the outfield, injured his shoulder and may be out for the rest of the season.

Identity crisis

Word reaches me that the reason Paul Getty, the renowned cricket-lover, got all iffy about the purchase of *The*



Three Graces was because he heard belatedly that the persons in question were not W. G. and his brothers G. F. and E. M.

Old chestnut

How odd it is to realise that I have been credited as the author of one of the oldest jokes in sport. The publicity blurb for a BBC book of sporting quotations, *The Sporting World*, kicks off with "The most famous recipe in racing is the one for Lester Pigott's breakfast — a cough and a copy of *The Sporting Life*". Source: Simon Barnes, *The Times*. The joke was decades old when I first quoted it. The book itself is full of good things. Give me the source of these three quotations, answers at the bottom:

"Two things only people desire: bread and the circus games."

"I've been told I retain a lot of fluid when I eat."

"Seb is a Yorkshireman. So he's a complete bastard and will do well in politics."

Four from afar

The world's most extraordinary sporting event bar none, the Commonwealth Games, is with us again and various odd places linked by a thin but unbreakable thread of history take part. A fax reaches me bearing the Falkland coat-of-arms (a rampant sheep riding a sinking ship) to tell me about the mighty four from the South Atlantic. Saul Fitaluga, Susan Whitney and Ken Aldridge (shooting) and Hugh Marsden (marathon). Patrick Watts, the team manager, says: "They will learn much from the experience and will pass on this knowledge to the rest of the community."

Parting thrust

For those who have been following the Ballad of Gazza and Sheryl in the tabloids, the real story of football and marital strife comes from Bolivia, where the World Cup player, Alvaro Peña, 29, returned to Santa Cruz and a simmering feud with his wife. She wants a divorce, he doesn't. Discussion of the subject caused his wife to reach for the cutlery. He was stabbed four times, the deepest thrust narrowly missing a lung. Peña is recovering; his wife has been arrested.

Answers: Juvenal, Paul Gascoigne, Daley Thompson.

Fishing festival out to catch new recruits

BY BRIAN CLARKE

THE biggest celebration of angling that Britain has seen begins today with the start of National Fishing Week. This being fishing and these being fishermen, the event inevitably lasts for ten days.

More than 250 special events, laid on top of an already busy summer calendar, will be held to focus attention on the joys of this ancient sport and the attractions it could hold for those who, from outside, might see it as an idyiosyncratic and slightly dotty way to spend time.

The programme is being organised by a group representing every significant angling organisation in England. Ian Botham, Roger Daltrey and Jack Charlton are among many well-known anglers who are lending their support and many stars from within the sport will also be taking part. The principal targets are the young, the old, women and the disabled.

According to Vince Lister, chairman of the NFW Steering Group, anglers are "the eyes and ears of the waterside", and the more that their work is recognised and the more their ranks can be swelled, the healthier the environment and the future of the sport will be. He is co-ordinating fishing festivals, teach-ins, competitions, casting clinics, demonstrations, family fishing days and explorations of the waterside environment.

The idea for a national celebration of angling began in the United States 15 years ago and has gradually spread. This is the third such festival in Britain and a similar event is being held in most countries of western Europe, in Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Brazil plans to take part next year. Britain's week coincides with the summer holidays, and many events are aimed at school children.

Several police forces are organising competitions for 11 to 15-year-olds, including the Metropolitan Police. A spokesman said: "A lad who fishes isn't usually a lad who joyrides or burgles." The force is organising fishing events throughout its region, in Haringey, Enfield, Broxbourne, Barking, Hackney, Dagenham, Tower Hamlets and Ashford.

Three former world match-fishing champions, Bob Nudd, Tom Pickering and Ian Heaps, will be at Spring Lakes Country Club, near Aldershot, Hampshire, today. More than 5,000 people are expected to attend a fishing competition and other activities staged in aid of the Anglers' Conservation Association, a body that takes legal action against polluters on behalf of the angling community.

Several organisations are staging events for the disabled, the underprivileged and novice anglers. The English disabled trout fisheries group is holding a "fish-in" at Owdy Lane Trout Fishery, near Worksop, Nottinghamshire, on Wednesday. Fly-fishing tackle and tuition are offered to newcomers and boats are available for disabled persons. Other events include a demonstration and individual instruction sessions from Howel Morgan, the world fly-casting champion, at Felindre Trout Fishery, near Swansea, on Monday; a novelty match using only garden canes on the Trent and Mersey canal next Saturday; and a sea-angling festival next Saturday and Sunday, organised by Southsea Angling Club.

Heart Clic, the angling charity that supports the British Heart Foundation and the cancer and leukaemia in childhood trust, will benefit from some of these events. Anglers have already raised more than £400,000 for them in the 12 weeks since they launched a campaign.

Information on all NFW events can be obtained by calling the co-ordinating office on 0635 523223.

TIMETABLE

TODAY: First of daily programmes that will include fly-casting and coarse fishing tuition, waterside wildlife teachings and separate competitions for children, the elderly, women and the disabled, Colwick country park, Nottingham

TOMORROW: Fishing competition for salmon, trout and pike, Kesh and District Angling Club, Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.

August 22: First of five "come and try it" days for under-16s, organised by Rotherham Metropolitan Council and Rotherham United Federation of Anglers.

August 23: A fishing match for the disabled, Kingfishers Disabled Angling Association, Hoyford Fishery, Nether Heyford, Northants.

August 24: Family fishing day and countryside teaching, Blickling Lake, Aylesham, Norfolk.

August 25: "Fish and Insect Life in a Brook", a study outing for young people at Market Bosworth, Leicester.

August 26: Last day of the Metropolitan Police (Ashford division) children's teaching and competitions programme.

August 27: Under-16s teaching and sea angling competition, Sunderland Sea Anglers Club.

August 28: Ladies' "learn to fish" day at Peatmoor Lagoon, Swindon.

August 29: Day three of Coventry and District Angling Association's schools team championships and demonstrations, the showground, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.

Stephenson sets up victory for Sussex

BY IVO TENNANT

LEICESTER (second day of four): Sussex (21pts) beat Leicestershire (4) by nine wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE may yet win their remaining four first-class matches. They could even become county champions: For the present, they have to live with this defeat and that will take some doing. Bowled out for 94 yesterday, they were beaten in two days by a Sussex side who are no less ambitious. In addition to such indifferent batting, Leicestershire's demeanour in the field left much to be desired. Briers, their captain, and Mullally, their fast bowler, were both spoken to after the latter had evidently abused Wells at the non-striker's end. The umpire in question was Ray Julian, the most even-tempered of men.

Briers has his strengths as a captain. But to dismiss sledging as "just a bit of banter" does neither him nor the club any good. Besides, he is a schoolmaster who knows how to tweak ears. He is fortunate that the incident will be taken no further by the umpires.

Mullally was born in Southend-on-Sea but grew up in Australia, which suggests not only that he has no roots but that he learnt such verbal abuse Down Under. Briers now has two free days in which to tell him that this should have no place in the game here. He also needs to work out just how everything went wrong in this match.

Other than to state that their batting was dreadful, this was hard for the bystander to ascertain. The occasional ball kept low or rose spitefully from a length, but that affected the opposition more than it did Leicestershire. Indeed, when Simmons was dropped in the gully off the second ball he faced and Briers was missed at first slip on four, there was no inkling of what was to come.

One ineffable shot followed another. Simmons mis-hooked a ball from Jarvis which was not short enough for such aggressive intent and was taken at the wicket. Briers was held at short-leg fending off a shortish one from Stephenson. Wells went next, and for a duck, top edging a square cut to third man.

When Boon ducked into a slower ball from Stephenson and was caught at the wicket, failing to withdraw his bat, it raised not only the question of whether a third day would be needed, but the true worth of helmets. They can save lives, as Jonty Rhodes will no doubt testify, but they can also impair concentration and judgment.

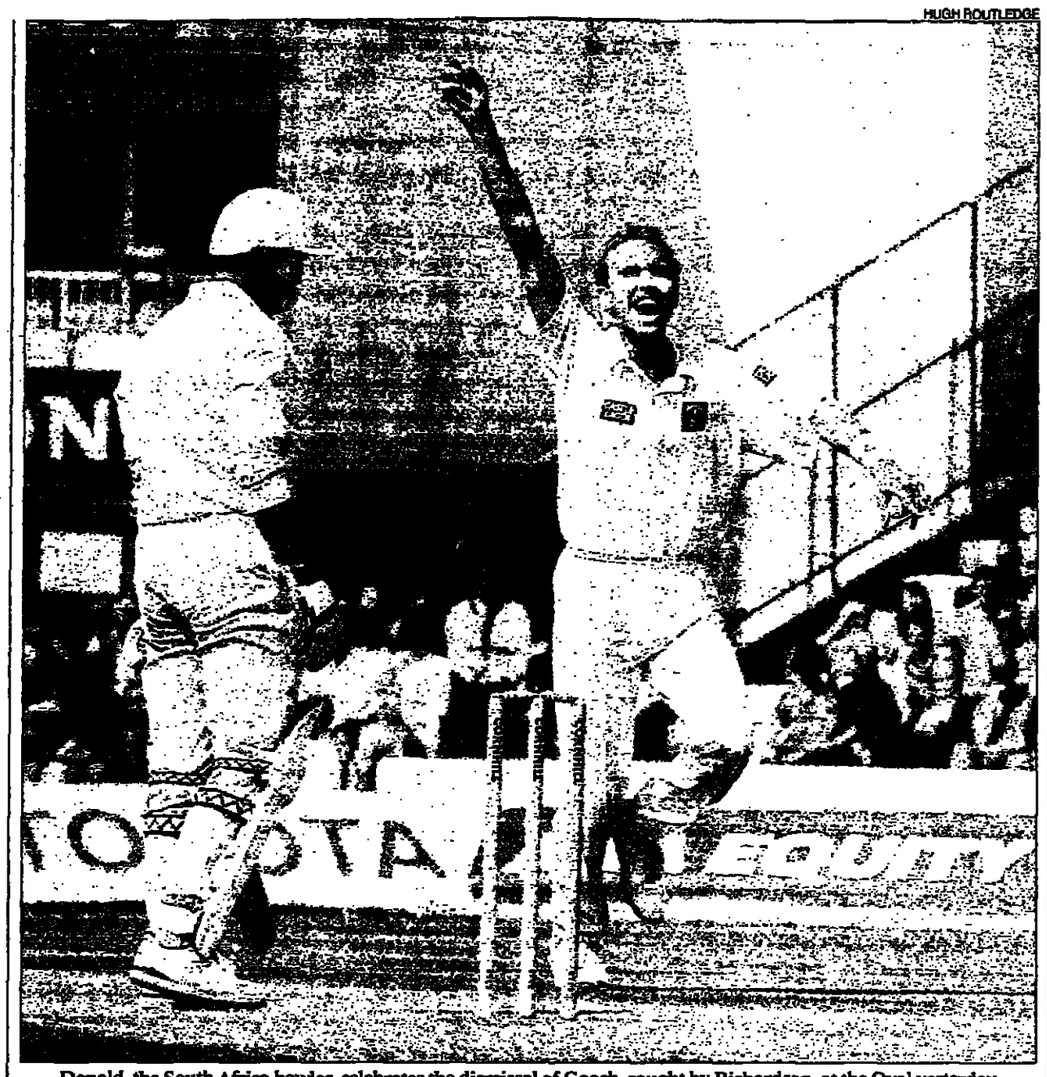
Stephenson, like Dermot Reeve, is renowned for his slower ball, and yet batsman after batsman succumb to it. Stephenson may be 35, but he is still capable, as was John Snow at the same age for the same county, of telling spells. He took two more wickets — Smith could not cope with anything short and Nixon was leg-before — before finally taking a rest with figures of 16-7-23-4. Contracts have been renewed for less than that.

Of the other wickets to fall, Maddy was leg-before sweeping at Hemmings and Mullally was bowled by Salisbury. Jarvis replaced Stephenson and had Millns taken at first slip. Only when the last-wicket pair were together did Leicestershire manage to exceed the lowest total of the season, 83 by Derbyshire against Lancashire at Blackpool. To complete Leicestershire's day, they lost the toss of the coin as to whether they or Yorkshire should have the home venue for the Bain Clarkson final next month.

This was Leicestershire's fifth defeat in eight matches and, although they have a match in hand, Sussex are just nine points behind them in the table. Stephenson and Jarvis effectively won this match for Sussex, but the achievements of their batsmen in gaining a 55-run first-innings lead were not inconsiderable.

Lenham, whose half-century included ten fours, Wells and Speight batted with a purpose that Leicestershire singularly lacked. Even Athey, who had had to retire the previous evening, contributed. Simmons returned his best figures for Leicestershire, three for 26, but it was simply not enough.

A double-century partnership between Alan Fordham and Rob Bailey enabled Northamptonshire to reply strongly to Middlesex's 398 at Northampton. Fordham, who scored a century as his team reached 269 for two, was playing only his second championship match since missing two months with appendicitis. Middlesex lost their last five wickets for 58 runs with Carr out for 136, ending a sequence of 385 runs between championship dismissals.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Donald, the South Africa bowler, celebrates the dismissal of Gooch, caught by Richardson, at the Oval yesterday

Time for Gooch to stop the clock



ANDREW LONGMORE
At The Oval

Several images of the post-captaincy Graham Gooch have lingered in the memory this summer. One was of Gooch ambling round the third man boundary in the opening one-day international of the season, enjoying the crack and basking in the banter, blissfully free of the responsibility for failure. Another, of his disdainful assault on the New Zealand attack at Trent Bridge. Never has a double century been made more easily or with more inevitability. Yesterday came a third. Gooch wandering slowly from the Oval pitch wondering why the game that once seemed so easy should suddenly prove so hard, so dismissive of his constant attentions.

Gooch has lived off his 210 at Nottingham and his reputation for the whole summer now. Not in a complacent way. He has never ended his search for the perfect technique, however tortuous the path, however many milestones he has passed along the way. But a total of 119 in the last eight innings has prompted a question unthinkable a month or so ago. Should Gooch, at 41, be picked to go to Australia this winter?

The issue should not be one of age, though it will become one. Gooch is a subscriber to the Jimmy Connors motto: age is just a number. The older he gets, the harder he works to prove to himself and to others that he can still do it.

But there comes a point when the feet will not do what the brain tells them to, when the hand and eye do not coordinate as swiftly as they used to, and it is one of the abiding cruelties of cricket that there is no hiding from the moment. While ageing footballers can adjust, use their brains more and their legs less, batsmen are remorselessly exposed every second they are at the wicket. Colin Cowdrey, pressed into service to combat Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson in 1974-5, found that, at the age of 41, the game had moved imperceptibly out of reach. Others found the same then, but their grasp of greatness was never as firm.

Yet, the idea of the old pro, the old codger, to use Martina Navratilova's more honest self-description, seems to have taken a mystical hold on the minds of the England selectors this summer. Gone is the innocent anthem of youth with which England headed off to the West Indies in the New Year. In its place has come a chorus of *Ol' Man River*. If the 41-year-old Gooch had missed this Test, his replacement would have been the 37-year-old Gatting, a natural and logical exchange of former England captains, of wise counsellors, respected professionals, old codgers.

There is sense in it, particularly as Atherton is beginning to show signs of overheating in the glare of the spotlight and would benefit from a calming arm around the shoulder. The only trouble is that, on the evidence of the past year, Atherton would be more likely to take a huge chunk out of it than an ounce of comfort. Gooch has, on the whole, been banished to the boundary or, even more insultingly, deputed to take on the junior man's duty at short leg. Only occasionally has Atherton dipped into the well of Gooch's knowledge, which does not suggest that either Gooch or Gatting has much of a sage's role to play this winter.

The case for putting Gooch out to grass would be stronger, of course, if there were a long list of potential successors, and Gooch himself would understand that. Thorpe has already proved how daft his omission earlier this summer really was, Crawley might yet do so, but will probably go to Australia anyway as a safeguard for the future. There are precious few others.

The Australians would certainly prefer to see Gooch with microphone rather than bat in hand, though that is not conclusive evidence either. Some 8,622 Test runs yesterday do not guarantee a single tomorrow. But Gooch has a habit of answering his critics in the language he has always spoken best, and there is still another innings here for him here to prove his fluency. To borrow another phrase from Connors, when he swept to the semi-final of the US Open at the age of 40: "Don't count, just watch."

Ostler adds substance after Lara's glimpse of genius

BY JACK BAILEY

SCARBOROUGH (second day of four): Warwickshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, lead Yorkshire by 36 runs

WHAT with the news from Leicester and their own batting yesterday, led by Dominic Ostler's first championship century of the season, Warwickshire moved ever closer to the championship pennant. No chickens are being counted, but certainly they did everything right by the requirements of the four-day game, and today everything is in favour of their building a healthy lead.

Ostler's 186 was the worthy centrepiece of a day's cricket that showed Yorkshire's present resources on a benign pitch to be limited and unenhanced by some eccentric field placing that hardly made Warwickshire fight for their runs.

Not that Andy Moles, Ostler's staunchest supporter, did anything other than fight for his. Characteristically, but worthily, he denied himself all excesses while running up 65 in four and a quarter hours before playing on to Stemp.

Ostler presented to a crowd, briefly enraptured by Lara, some fine strokeplay that brought him a six, 24 fours and — oddity of the modern game — a seven, which came from two runs plus a five-run penalty when the ball struck a helmet on the ground.

Unpalatable as all this dominance of Warwickshire bat over Yorkshire ball must have been to this crowd, they appreciate and applaud good cricket.

Nothing drew more applause than a brief passage of arms involving Brian Lara; you could sense the intense feeling of disappointment when the little man was out for 21, after receiving only 16 balls, even though the chief beneficiary was young Alex Wharf playing in his first match for Yorkshire.

Coming in at six for one, after Roger Twose had wafted the ball to square leg, incidentally providing Hartley with his 400th first-class wicket, Lara gave a tantalising glimpse of his genius. He announced himself with two fours from the remainder of Hartley's over, both through the covers, both strokes that lifted batsmanship onto the highest plane.

Similar treatment was meted out to the 19-year-old Wharf, who had just felt the full weight of Lara's bat in the shape of two spanking fours, when he bowled a wide half-volley that Lara could scarcely reach but did, and touched it to Blakey behind the wicket.

Kasprowicz labours untiringly to give Essex hope

BY PAT GIBSON

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (second day of four): Somerset, with three second-innings wickets in hand, lead Essex by 299 runs

MARCUS Trescothick, the 18-year-old Young England batsman, showed his elders how to play on a slow, seaming pitch at Clarence Park yesterday. His patient innings of 96 was the main difference between the sides as Somerset moved into what ought to be a winning position.

It still might not be, since Trescothick has demonstrated that it is not impossible for batsmen to stay in and make runs, if they apply themselves properly. But Essex will have to show a vast improvement on their first innings performance which at one stage put them in grave danger of having to follow on.

Ironically, they were saved from that indignity by Michael Kasprowicz, the Australian fast bowler who is being replaced as their overseas player next year by Mark Waugh because they have been so short of runs. Kasprowicz made an unbeaten 42 before going on to keep Essex in the match with some wholehearted bowling which brought him five thoroughly deserved wickets.

It was not hard to see why Essex want Waugh back when they were plumetting to 57 for seven through a mixture of sheer apprehension against the pace of Adrianus van Troost and injudicious strokes against the seam of Andrew Caddick and Graham Rose. Kasprowicz somehow got away with both and the tail helped him at 69 for the last three wickets to cut the deficit to 86.

It emphasised the spirit of the big man from Queensland, who has been a popular figure in the Essex dressing-room and has never shirked from the responsibility of spearheading an attack shorn of Neil Foster, Derek Pringle and, often, Mark Ilott. Nor did he hold back yesterday, taking two wickets in his opening spell and returning to claim three more by bowling fast and straight.

This was too much for most of the Somerset batsmen but Trescothick, who has already made an enormous impact in his first full season with two centuries and six fifties in 17 innings, showed that he has an old head on young shoulders. A tall, uncomplicated left-hander, he did not give a chance until he had made 96 off 143 balls with a six and 14 fours and was suitably crestfallen when he tried to cut Kasprowicz and was caught behind.

Nicholas leaves Surrey in trouble

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

MARK Nicholas, the Hampshire captain, scored his third century in four innings at Southampton yesterday in a game which seems certain to write "finis" to Surrey's hopes of taking a championship they led almost continuously to the end of July.

Nicholas, who had not reached three figures for three years until his sudden rush of form, rounded off an an assault on the bowlers begun by Paul Terry (135) and Robin Smith (75) and was 120 not out at the close when Hampshire, at 527 for five, led by 377.

Another player ending the season on a high note is Kent's England fast bowler, Martin McCague, who took eight for 83 — including the first six in the order — at Derby, where the home side were bowled out for 284, 108 behind. Since his return to the team on July 21, McCague has taken 30 wickets.

A fine innings of 98 for Worcestershire by Gavin Haynes kept them in the game at Kidderminster against Nottinghamshire, for whom Chris Lewis, after making top score of 77, bowled incisively to take four wickets for 67.

Seventeen wickets fell in the day at Hartlepool, where Durham, left needing 259 to beat Glamorgan to avoid their eighth successive defeat, lost Jonathan Longley while whittling 16 from their target.

Lancashire, 126 behind Gloucestershire on first innings, lost three wickets to Courtney Walsh before Neil Fairbrother and Graham Lloyd stopped the rot.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Lancashire v Gloucestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Lancashire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 14 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 172

Second Innings

S P Titchard b Walsh	4
M Harvey b Walsh	19
N J Speak lbw b Walsh	16
N H Fairbrother not out	47
G D Lloyd not out	43
Extras (lb 7, nb 4)	11
Total (3 wkts)	140

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-39, 3-54.

BOWLING: Walsh 11-0-38-3; Williams 6-2-15-0; Pike 12-6-29-0; Ball 7-2-31-0; Alleyne 6-0-20-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright c Yates b Martin	7
M G N Windows lbw b Austin	86
G D Hodgson c Fairbrother b Martin	28
R I Dawson c Hegg b Austin	30
M W Alleyne lbw b Austin	5
T H C Hancock lbw b Austin	46
†R C Russell c Yates b Watkinson	11
R C Williams not out	34
M C J Ball c Fairbrother b Martin	10
*C A Walsh c Titchard b Martin	2
V Pike b Watkinson	18
Extras (lb 15, w 3, nb 6)	24
Total (105.1 overs)	298

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-94, 3-148, 4-161, 5-176, 6-206, 7-233, 8-252, 9-254.

BOWLING: Martin 23-5-53-4; Chapple 24-3-90-0; Watkinson 15.1-6-37-2; Austin 33-11-85-4; Yates 10-3-29-0

Bonus points: Lancashire 4 Gloucestershire 6.

Umpires: A A Jones and B Dudleston.

Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire

KIDDERMINSTER (second day of four): Worcestershire, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 55 runs behind Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard lbw b Radford	32
*R T Robinson c Moody b Illingworth	67
G F Archer run out	49
J C Adams b Newport	8
P Johnson c Brinkley b Illingworth	4
C C Lewis lbw b Radford	77
†W M Noon lbw b Radford	45
K P Evans c Edwards b Radford	11
G W Mike c Moody b Radford	6
J E Hindson lbw b Brinkley	6
R A Pick not out	0
Extras (lb 17, w 2, nb 7)	26
Total (114.1 overs)	331

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-146, 3-169, 4-189, 5-178, 6-255, 7-271, 8-310, 9-317

BOWLING: Radford 27.1-7-93-5; Brinkley 23-4-88-1; Leatherdale 7-2-24-0; Newport 23-5-50-1; Illingworth 29-8-81-2; D'Oliveira 5-1-18-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis lbw b Pick	0
M Church lbw b Lewis	22
T M Moody c Noon b Lewis	44
G R Haynes c Evans b Pick	98
D A Leatherdale c Noon b Evans	35
D B D'Oliveira lbw b Lewis	19
P J Newport not out	34
R K Illingworth b Pick	0
N V Radford c Noon b Lewis	7
†E Brinkley not out	5
Extras (lb 2, nb 10)	12
Total (8 wkts, 91 overs)	276

†T Edwards to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-67, 3-74, 4-162, 5-220, 6-226, 7-238, 8-251.

BOWLING: Pick 20-4-58-3; Evans 19-5-49-1; Mike 18-5-56-0; Hindson 9-2-21-0; Lewis 16-3-67-4; Adams 11-5-24-0.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 6 Nottinghamshire 6.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and T E Jesty.

Hampshire v Surrey

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Hampshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 377 runs ahead of Surrey

SURREY: First Innings 150 (A D Brown 78; S D Udal 5 for 28)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton c Brown b Cuffy	0
V P Terry st Kersey b Smith	135
G W White b M P Bicknell	57
R A Smith b Holloake	75
*M C J Nicholas not out	120
K D James c Brown b Kendrick	14
†A N Aymes not out	55
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 3, nb 52)	71
Total (5 wkts, 129 overs)	527

Score at 120 overs: 499-5.

S D Udal, R J Maru, C A Connor and N G Cowans to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-165, 3-281, 4-352, 5-357.

BOWLING: Cuffy 14-3-38-1, M P Bicknell 23-4-92-1; Kendrick 34-6-122-1; Holloake 16-4-70-1; Smith 14-0-86-1; Brown 9-0-34-0; Butcher 8-0-33-0; Lynch 10-2-35-0; D J Bicknell 1-0-1-0.

Bonus points: Hampshire 6 Surrey 2.

Umpires: P Willey and V A Holder.

Derbyshire v Kent

DERBY (second day of four): Derbyshire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 108 runs behind Kent

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward b Warner	86
*M R Benson c Krikken b Cork	24
M J Walker lbw b Cork	0
S L Hooper lbw b Cork	0
N J Llong c Cork b Vandrau	10
M V Fleming c Rollins b Wells	48
M A Ealham c Bowler b Cork	64
†S A Marsh lbw b Cork	88
M J McCague not out	16
M M Patel c Adams b Cork	4
T N Wren run out	0
Extras (b 6, lb 14, w 5, nb 27)	52
Total (108.2 overs)	392

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-97, 2-97, 3-97, 4-127, 5-157, 6-207, 7-346, 8-381, 9-387.

BOWLING: Warner 17-5-60-1; Base 26.2-4-105-0; Wells 11-0-48-1; Cork 30-8-80-6; Vandrau 22-3-84-1; Barnett 2-0-5-0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

P D Bowler c Marsh b McCague	88
A S Rollins c Patel b McCague	7
C J Adams c Hooper b McCague	4
T J G O'Gorman b McCague	14
*K J Barnett lbw b McCague	5
D G Cork c Llong b McCague	56
C M Wells c Hooper b Patel	36
M J Vandrau c Ward b McCague	27
†K M Krikken c Llong b McCague	19
A E Warner not out	0
Extras (b 7, lb 17, nb 4)	28
Total (9 wkts, 102.2 overs)	284

S J Base to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-41, 3-93, 4-99, 5-197, 6-208, 7-252, 8-268, 9-284.

BOWLING: McCague 24.2-4-83-6; Wren 17-4-41-0; Ealham 17-7-50-0; Fleming 9-3-18-0, Patel 25-7-48-1; Hooper 10-3-21-0.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 6 Kent 8.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and P B Wight.

Durham v Glamorgan

HARTLEPOOL (second day of four). Durham, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, require 243 runs to beat Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 206 (S J E Brown 6 for 68)

Second Innings

M P Maynard c Morris b Walker	71
*H Morris c Scott b Cummins	3
D L Hemp lbw b Walker	25
A Dale lbw b Wood	17
P A Cottey b Brown	40
A J Dalton b Brown	29
O D Gibson lbw b Brown	8
R D B Croft c Hutton b Wood	53
†C P Metson b Walker	21
S L Watkin low b Walker	1
S R Barwick not out	0
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 10)	14
Total	282

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-84, 3-111, 4-129, 5-192, 6-200, 7-221, 8-274, 9-282.

BOWLING: Cummins 10-0-59-1; Brown 17-2-80-3; Walker 17-2-59-4; Wood 11.2-0-53-2; Bainbridge 12-2-29-0.

DURHAM: First Innings

J I Longley lbw b Croft	52
M Saxelby lbw b Barwick	30
J E Morris c Metson b Croft	57
*P Bainbridge c Metson b Watkin	20
J A Daley b Barwick	1
S Hutton b Watkin	8
†C W Scott c Morris b Croft	2
A C Cummins c Maynard b Gibson	8
J Wood c Cottey b Croft	0
S J E Brown c Barwick b Gibson	33
A Walker not out	4
Extras (b 6, lb 6, w 3)	15
Total (75 overs)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-123, 3-152, 4-155, 5-175, 6-176, 7-181, 8-187, 9-211

BOWLING: Watkin 22-8-66-2; Dale 3-0-17-0; Barwick 14-5-41-2; Croft 29-6-76-4, Gibson 7-2-18-2.

Second Innings

J I Longley lbw b Watkin	3
M Saxelby not out	5
S J E Brown not out	8
Total (1 wkt)	16

FALL OF WICKET: 1-3.

BOWLING: Gibson 3-0-8-0, Watkin 3-0-10-1.

Bonus points: Durham 5 Glamorgan 5.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer.

Northamptonshire v Middlesex

NORTHAMPTON (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 129 runs behind Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes b Hughes	1
M A Roseberry c Fordham b Curran	72
M R Ramprakash c Ripley b Curran	20
J D Carr c Warren b Ambrose	136
*M W Gatting c and b Ambrose	25
†K R Brown c Ripley b Penberthy	42
P N Weekes c Montgomerie b Hughes	50
M A Feltham c and b Hughes	8
A R C Fraser lbw b Ambrose	12
K J Shine not out	13
P C R Tufnell b Hughes	0
Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 2, nb 9)	16
Total (109.4 overs)	398

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-41, 3-114, 4-208, 5-291, 6-344, 7-371, 8-372, 9-393.

BOWLING: Ambrose 25-5-73-3; Hughes 17.4-2-60-4, Curran 23-5-67-2, Penberthy 24-4-97-1; Roberts 15-2-71-0; Bailey 5-0-25-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie c Ramprakash b Fraser	13
A Fordham not out	123
R J Warren st Brown b Tufnell	17
R J Bailey not out	85
Extras (b 7, lb 12, nb 12)	31
Total (2 wkts, 86 overs)	269

*†A J Lamb, K M Curran, A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, A R Roberts, C E L Ambrose and J G Hughes to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-64.

BOWLING: Fraser 20-4-62-1, Shine 6-3-13-0; Tufnell 24-3-79-1; Feltham 16-4-40-0; Weekes 20-1-56-0.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 6 Middlesex 4.

Umpires: J H Hams and R Palmer

Yorkshire v Warwickshire

SCARBOROUGH (second day of four) Warwickshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 36 runs ahead of Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Welch b Munton	11
M P Vaughan c Davis b Small	39
D Byas c Lara b Davis	57
A A Metcalfe c Ostler b Welch	12
†R J Blakey c Davis b Small	23
B Parker c Piper b Welch	62
P J Hartley c Welch b Smith	61
A G Wharf c Piper b Welch	0
R D Stemp b Welch	20
J D Batty not out	6
M A Robinson lbw b Munton	1
Extras (lb 8, w 1, nb 8)	18
Total (104.5 overs)	310

FALL OF WICKETS 1-42, 2-52, 3-90, 4-138, 5-175, 6-269, 7-269, 8-293, 9-303

BOWLING: Munton 27.5-12-58-2; Small 18-5-52-2; Davis 15-6-53-1, Twose 5-1-15-0; Welch 21-8-74-4; Smith 18-3-51-1

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles b Stemp	65
R G Twose c Parker b Hartley	1
B C Lara c Blakey b Wharf	21
D P Ostler c and b Batty	186
T L Penney lbw b Stemp	18
G Welch not out	24
†K J Piper not out	8
Extras (lb 5, nb 18)	23
Total (5 wkts, 104 overs)	346

N M K Smith, R P Davis, G C Small and *T A Munton to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-15, 2-44 3-235, 4-267, 5-325.

BOWLING: Hartley 26-8-90-1, Wharf 16-3-62-1, Robinson 15-6-39-0; Stemp 30-8-70-2; Batty 14-3-59-1; Vaughan 3-0-21-0.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 5 Warwickshire 7

Umpires: H D Bird and G I Burgess.

Somerset v Essex

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (second day of four): Somerset, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 299 runs ahead of Essex

SOMERSET: First Innings 226 (M N Lathwell 61, M C Ilott 4 for 67)

Second Innings

M N Lathwell lbw b Kasprowicz	0
*M E Trescothick c Garnham b Kasprowicz	96
R J Harden b Kasprowicz	13
P C L Holloway c Kasprowicz b Andrew	14
*A N Hayhurst c Garnham b Kasprowicz	8
†R J Turner lbw b Such	16
G D Rose not out	31
S C Ecclestone lbw b Kasprowicz	0
A R Caddick not out	27
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 8)	8
Total (7 wkts)	213

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-24, 3-55, 4-76, 5-121, 6-172, 7-172.

BOWLING: Kasprowicz 21-2-66-5; Ilott 14-2-56-0; Stephenson 15-2-46-0; Andrew 13-1-25-1; Such 4-0-19-1.

ESSEX: First Innings

N V Knight c Turner b van Troost	2
J P Stephenson c Rose b Caddick	1
J J B Lewis b van Troost	3
N Hussain c Holloway b Caddick	13
*P J Prichard b Rose	15
R C Irani c Rose b van Troost	2
†M A Garnham lbw b Rose	7
M S Kasprowicz not out	42
M C Ilott b Rose	4
S J W Andrew c Rose b van Troost	11
P M Such c Turner b Caddick	16
Extras (lb 5, nb 19)	24
Total (45.2 overs)	140

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-3, 3-11, 4-42, 5-42, 6-44, 7-57, 8-71, 9-97

BOWLING: Caddick, 22.2-7-56-3, van Troost 16-3-50-4, Rose 7-1-27-3

Bonus points: Somerset 5 Essex 4.

Umpires: J W Holder and K J Lyons.

Leicestershire v Sussex

LEICESTER (second day of four). Sussex (21pts) beat Leicestershire (4) by nine wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 192

Second Innings

P V Simmons c Moores b Jarvis	10
*N E Briers c Speight b Stephenson	5
T J Boon c Moores b Stephenson	14
V J Wells c Lenham b Jarvis	0
B F Smith b Stephenson	12
D L Maddy lbw b Hemmings	8
†P A Nixon lbw b Stephenson	3
G J Parsons not out	18
L K Millns c Wells b Jarvis	7
A D Mullally b Salisbury	7
M T Brimson b Jarvis	2
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 1)	4
Total	90

FALL OF WICKETS 1-15, 2-%5½ 3-25, 4-37, 5-50, 6-52, 7-56, 8-72, 9-81

BOWLING Stephenson 16-7-23-4; Jarvis 9.5-1-50-4; Hemmings 9-4-11-1; Salisbury 4-2-3-1.

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Nixon b Mullally	51
C W J Athey c Parsons b Simmons	18
D M Smith lbw b Parsons	0
*A P Wells lbw b Wells	46
M P Speight b Simmons	42
†P Moores c Smith b Millns	21
F D Stephenson c Wells b Mullally	16
P W Jarvis c Millns b Simmons	7
I D K Salisbury lbw b Wells	10
E E Hemmings c Mullally b Millns	6
E S H Giddins not out	0
Extras (b 8, lb 8, nb 14)	30
Total (70.3 overs)	247

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-36, 2-108, 3-152, 4-189, 5-193, 6-207, 7-227, 8-235, 9-243.

BOWLING: Millns 22.3-3-79-2; Mullally 17-2-62-2; Parsons 9-2-31-1; Wells 10-2-33-2; Simmons 12-3-28-3.

Second Innings

N J Lenham c Millns b Mullally	0
D M Smith not out	15
*A P Wells not out	11
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 6)	11
Total (1 wkt)	37

FALL OF WICKET: 1-0

BOWLING: Mullally 4 4-1-20-1; Parsons 4-1-12-0

Umpires: R Julian and G Sharp

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Thorpe, Stewart and tailenders keep alive hopes of victory

Atherton fails test of judgment

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (second day of five): England, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 51 runs behind South Africa

FOR the past four weeks, Michael Atherton has had the world at his doorstep, prying endlessly into what was once his secure territory as England captain. Sympathy has rightly been forthcoming. By last night, however, he had invited his pursuers across the threshold.

It is still too soon to dismiss entirely Atherton's prospects of squaring this Cornhill series with South Africa, though it looks increasingly improbable. But during two days of raw, confrontational cricket, he has done little to advance his standing as tactician, diplomat or batsman and given succour to the selectorial lobby which, even at this late stage, would replace him before the winter tour of Australia.

Neither side has yet taken a grip on this match, the heroic batting of Brian McMillan and thoroughbred fast bowling of Allan Donald being answered, for England, by assertive batting from Graham Thorpe and Alec Stewart on their home ground. For Surrey supporters, already celebrating the romantic debut bowling of Joey Benjamin, it was a joy, matched amid the evening shadows by a rollickingly disrespectful stand between Darren Gough and Phillip DeFreitas which banked 59 runs from eight overs.

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This is, in fact, a thoroughly good Test so far, scarred only by a derisory over-rate which the South Africans yesterday contrived to reduce to 12 per hour, leaving 14 overs unbowled and 16,500 paying customers short-changed. Fines must be swingeing, and must also be seen to be paid by the players responsible for what is a particularly cynical form of gamesmanship.

Atherton, however, may have had a restless night for more long-term reasons, because he continues to betray the frayed edges of a man under pressure. Getting out first ball hardly helped, though it was not the worst of his follies. For one in his position, the pointed and repeated gesturing to his bat after being given out leg before by Ken Palmer, the umpire, was as unimpressive and unnecessary as the manner in which, on Thursday evening, he trotted off the field alone at close of play without observing the usual courtesies of allowing the batsmen off first.

Add this to his narrow-minded insistence on a one-dimensional attack and subsequent tactics which owed little to the imagination and Atherton can be seen to have had a untimely poor game. He remains the best man to lead the side this winter and will do so as long as he retains the loyalty of Raymond Illingworth but, after the imbroglio at Lord's, he continues to do himself few favours.

Nor, it must be said, do his team offer much help. The England bowling here has lacked consistency, as so often, and the combined figures of the two tearaways, Gough and Devon Malcolm, were not an unfair reflection at one for 166. South Africa, yet again, made at least 50 runs more than they should have been allowed, this time without the doughty Jonty Rhodes, who was not discharged from hospital until yesterday afternoon. He is expected to be fit to bat today, if required.

McMillan managed only two more runs yesterday and was out seven short of a maiden century, carving an overhead catch to second slip to give DeFreitas a fourth wicket in the innings and his 30th in Tests this summer. McMillan looked disconsolate, though his may come to be regarded as the decisive innings of the match.

Atherton was out to the first ball of the second over, pitched full by De Villiers and met by little footwork from the batsman. If he did make contact with the bat it was not discernible from television replays.

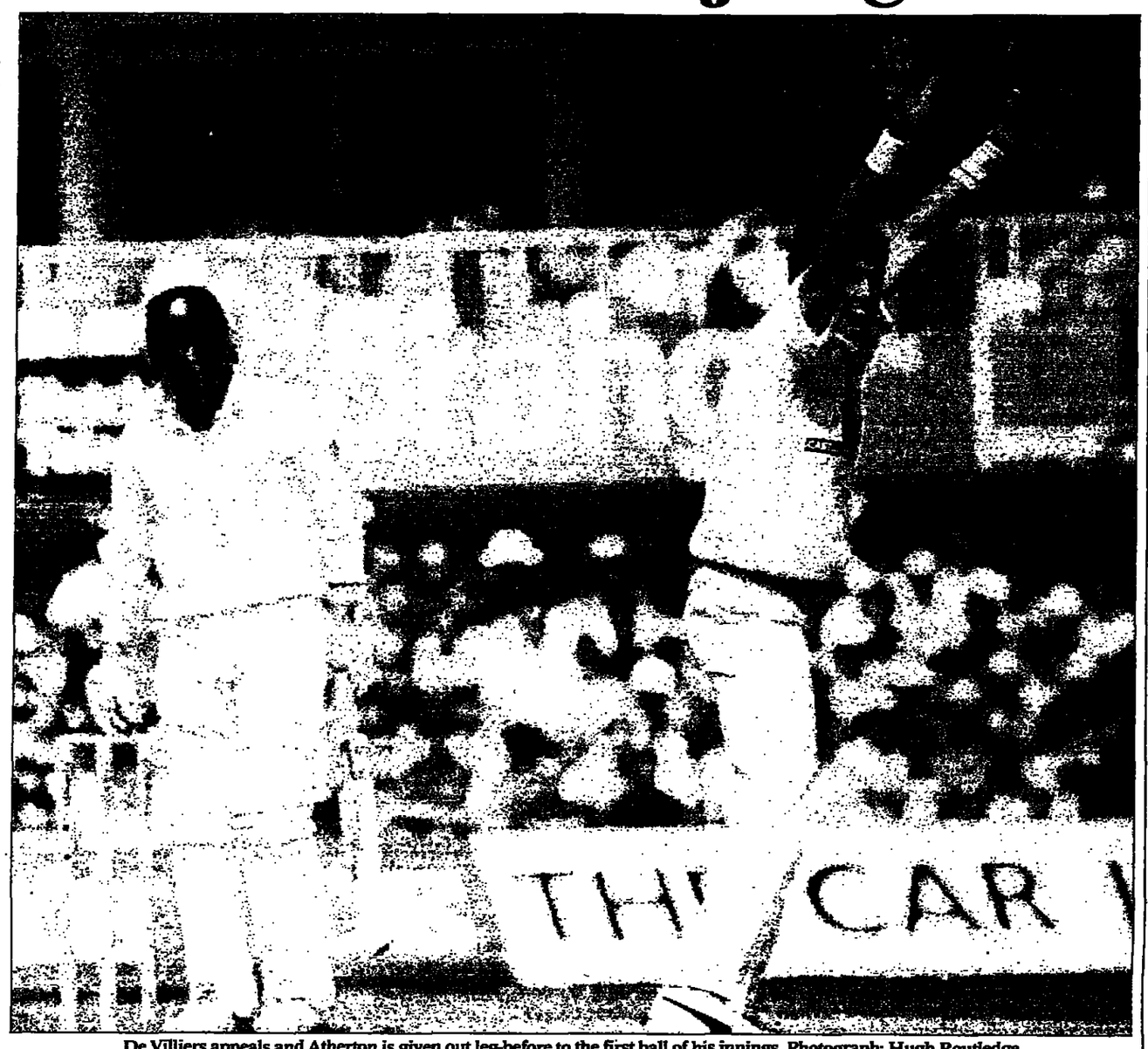
Graham Gooch needed seven overs to score his first run and an hour to make eight. It was among his most unconvincing Test innings, for he flirted several times with the short ball outside off-stump before finally thin-edging one to the wicketkeeper. It remains inconceivable that he will not be taken to Australia but, like Atherton, he is giving the selectors scope to look elsewhere.

Graeme Hick has benefitted from the promotion he sought and, as Alec Stewart is cashing in at No.5, he deserves to remain at three. Yesterday's 39 was a mixed bag but he batted sensibly in adding 60 with Thorpe and was out only to the sort of devilish, inswinging yorker by Donald that might have dismissed anyone.

Thorpe was by now playing with the vitality he showed at Headingley, scorning the short ball with emphatic pulls, driving straight and correctly when the ball was over-pitched. He has made a startling difference to the look of the England order already, and left-handedness has only a small part in it. More important is that he is a genuinely good player.

He will, however, regret falling in the seventies for the third successive innings, just as Stewart will feel he should have gone on to a century rather than dragging on a short one from De Villiers with an inattentive pull. By then, John Crawley had gone for his fourth single-figure score in five innings, raising further doubts about his technique on the back foot, and when Rhodes was caught, crablike, in his crease, England were 222 for seven and in danger of expiring before the close.

The eighth-wicket pair had refreshingly different ideas, though, and their uninhibited romp may yet put a smile back on Atherton's face before this intriguing match is over.



De Villiers appeals and Atherton is given out leg-before to the first ball of his innings. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

SCORECARD

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

G Kirsten c Rhodes b DeFreitas 2
(11min, 12 balls)
P N Kirsten b Malcolm 16
(54min, 30 balls, 2 fours)
W J Cronje lbw b Benjamin 38
(94min, 65 balls, 2 fours)
*K C Wessels lbw b Benjamin 46
(118min, 84 balls, 7 fours)
D J Cullinan c Rhodes b DeFreitas 7
(12min, 11 balls, 1 four)
J N Rhodes retired hurt 8
(20min, 14 balls, 1 four)
B M McMillan c Hick b DeFreitas . 83
(269min, 193 balls, 9 fours)
†D J Richardson c Rhodes b Benjamin 58
(127min, 89 balls, 8 fours)
C R Matthews c Hick b Benjamin ... 0
(8min, 4 balls)
P S de Villiers c Stewart b DeFreitas 14
(62min, 50 balls, 2 fours)
A A Donald not out 14
(34min, 21 balls, 1 four)
Extras (b 8, lb 10, w 1, nb 18) 37
Total (410min, 92.2 overs) 332

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2 (P Kirsten 0), 2-43 (Cronje 25), 3-73 (Wessels 16), 4-85 (Wessels 20), 5-136 (McMillan 6), 6-250 (McMillan 61), 7-256 (McMillan 67), 8-301 (McMillan 82), 9-332 (Donald 14).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 26.2-5-83-4 (nb 6; 6-1-19-1, 8-2-28-1, 1-0-8-0, 5-0-26-0, 6.2-2-14-2); Malcolm 25-5-61-1 (nb 2, w 1; 4-1-13-0, 4-0-13-1, 5-1-22-0, 2-0-9-0, 5-2-8-0, 5-1-16-0); Gough 19-1-85-0 (nb 8, 7-0-20-0, 3-0-13-0, 1-0-3-0, 5-1-27-0, 3-0-22-0); Benjamin 17-2-42-4 (nb 5; 4-0-15-1, 6-1-13-1, 7-1-14-2); Hick 5-1-13-0 (4-1-8-0, 1-0-4-0).

ENGLAND: First Innings

G A Gooch c Richardson b Donald 8
(61min, 43 balls, 1 four)
*M A Atherton lbw b de Villiers 0
(5min, 1 ball)
G A Hick b Donald 39
(138min, 85 balls, 4 fours)
G P Thorpe b Matthews 79
(158min, 115 balls, 11 fours)
A J Stewart b de Villiers 62
(154min, 108 balls, 7 fours)
J P Crawley c Richardson b Donald 5
(27min, 12 balls, 1 four)
†S J Rhodes lbw b de Villiers 11
(52min, 33 balls, 1 four)
P A J DeFreitas not out 37
(40min, 28 balls, 4 fours, 1 six)
D Gough not out 25
(38min, 23 balls, 5 fours)
Extras (b 1, w 1, nb 13) 15
Total (7 wkts, 342min, 71 overs) . 281
J E Benjamin and D E Malcolm to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1 (Gooch 0), 2-33 (Hick 21), 3-93 (Thorpe 41), 4-145 (Stewart 10), 5-165 (Stewart 25), 6-219 (Rhodes 11), 7-222 (DeFreitas 3).

BOWLING: Donald 17-2-78-3 (nb 8; 8-2-16-1, 3-0-12-1, 4-0-18-1, 2-0-30-0); de Villiers 16-3-55-3 (nb 5; 3-0-12-1, 7-2-20-0, 2-1-5-0, 4-0-18-2); Matthews 18-3-68-1 (5-0-18-0, 5-1-16-0, 4-1-13-1, 4-1-21-0); McMillan 12-1-67-0 (nb 6, w 1; 5-1-23-0, 2-0-11-0, 5-0-33-0); Cronje 8-3-16-0 (nb 1; one spell).

Umpires: R S Dunne (New Zealand) and K E Palmer (England).
TV replay umpire: A G T Whitehead (England).
Match referee: P J P Burge (Australia).

Christie has American rivals in his wake again

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN BRUSSELS

LINFORD Christie still has not broken 10sec legally for the 100 metres this season, but that will not concern him as long as he is winning titles and beating the Americans. After his victory in the most important sprint of the year in Zurich on Wednesday, he was a clear winner in the Ivo van Damme Memorial Grand Prix meeting here last night.

Christie was slower out of his blocks than Dennis Mitchell, the Goodwill Games champion from the United States, but he ran away from the opposition over the second half and Mitchell, after five successive wins in races that did not include Britain's world and Olympic champion, has now lost twice in succession to him. Christie recorded 10.03sec.

There was blood on the carpet after a hotel brawl in Zurich involving Olapade Adeniken, of Nigeria, and Mitchell, but the issue looks as though it will be swept under the carpet by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). The fight put Adeniken, who suffered injuries to his face, out of the race here.

Under its rule that entitles it to suspend athletes who bring the sport into disrepute, the IAAF can consider sanctions against either or both athletes, but Sandro Giovannelli of its Grand Prix Commission said yesterday that it was a private matter unlikely to result in suspension. Giovannelli is to report to the Grand Prix Commission after discussions with the athletes' managers, but a higher authority, the IAAF Council, would have to decide any punishments. "I do not think the commission will make a report to the council," Giovannelli said.

Coming into the meeting, only four athletes remained in contention for a share of the 20 gold bars to be split among athletes who win at each of the so-called "golden four" meetings of Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin. After the first event, there were only three as Wilson Kipketer, of Kenya, finished second in an 800 metres won by his countryman, Patrick Konchellah.

Kipketer timed his run too late. Sixth with 300 metres to go, he had to run wide on the top bend to close on Konchellah as they came into the straight. Konchellah won in 1min 44.70sec; Kipketer recorded 1min 44.82sec.

Mike Powell, the United States long jumper, Derrick Adkins, the American 400 metres hurdler, and Colin Jackson, of Britain, in the 110 metres hurdles, were the other gold bar contenders. Jackson won and now needs only to succeed to Berlin ten days hence to take his share. Although slow away and too low at the eighth hurdle, Jackson won in 13.22sec.

It is a curiosity that three of the so-called "golden four" meetings are staged in countries that are not among the strongest competitively, although, in the case of Norway, that seems to be changing. Norway's three gold, two silver and one bronze medal in Helsinki elevated them to eighth in the medals table. Switzerland, where Zurich stages the richest of all grand prix meetings, is still a competitive backwater, winning only two medals, both bronze, in Helsinki.

It may not be much by Great Britain standards, but the three medals won by Belgian athletes was the country's most at a European championships. The best of them was the silver won by Vincent Rousseau in the 10,000 metres. Rousseau's appearance last night undoubtedly put some on the gate; a local man, living just outside Brussels, Rousseau was voted Belgium's 1993 sportsman of the year by an independent jury after setting national records in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres.

When the athletes return for next year's meeting here, they will barely recognise the stadium. Heysel, the scene of the 1985 football tragedy in which 39 people died, is to undergo a BFr650 million (about £13 million) redevelopment. The improvements coincide with a joint bid by Holland and Belgium to stage the European football championships in 2000.

Babb's rise and rise poses awkward questions



Rob Hughes, football correspondent, believes football is displaying misplaced values on the eve of the new season

England's elite clubs enter the brave new football world — or is it the false new dawn — today. There are those who thrill to the thought of creative players being released again, who assume that the import of foreign stars and the promised protection from referees would bring an end to the "closing down" era of British football.

Conversely, George Graham, high priest of the dissenters, issues a dire warning: "The best players," he believes, "could end up sitting in the stand watching, because they will all be suspended. English football is better than the foreign. We must not let referees destroy our strengths."

Thank you, Mr Graham. He speaks, of course, with his case reflected in the gleaming trophy of the Cup Winners' Cup that Arsenal's powerful, physical football brought to these shores last spring, but he speaks against the tide of new players from these supposedly inferior countries, players for whom the Premiership clubs have spent £20 million bringing to 117 the total number of overseas players, from 38 nations.

Jürgen Klinsmann, a new neighbour of Graham's in north London, has turned most heads, but it is a Londoner, Phil Babb, who truly reflects the opening day of the new FA Carling Premiership season. This afternoon, he wears Coventry City's kit for the first and possibly last time this season. By next week, Liverpool could have made him, at £3.6 million, the costliest defender in British football.

The battle for Babb, principally between Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool, asks serious questions of the English system. Why, for example, was Babb allowed to go free, virtually kicked out of the club, when Bruce Rioch managed Millwall in 1990? What does the search for another multi-million pound defender say about the legacy of Graeme Souness at Liverpool? And why, if he is so good a centre half, did it take until this summer's World Cup finals to discover it?

Babb was one of several Millwall reserve players who threatened the authority of Rioch soon after he arrived in London: he was picked up by Bradford City, then by Coventry for £500,000. Coventry, though, never buy without selling and they offloaded a centre forward of their own, Paul Furlong, another almost impossibly volatile performer, to Watford for £225,000. Furlong this summer became the great goalscoring hope of Chelsea, at £2.3 million. That is inflation. That is judgement, or misjudgement. That is the curse of English football, where nobody stays anywhere with any degree of certainty.



Babb: inflationary fee

Attempting to reverse that trend, Newcastle United, where every seat in the 34,500 stadium is paid for before the season begins, have given Kevin Keegan a ten-year contract as their manager to try to break this mould of uncertainty. Doubtless, Keegan's charisma and his link with the club's brewery sponsorship has stimulated the longevity of his role. Maybe, hopefully, he will never be tested by adversity.

Elsewhere, the impact of the Taylor Report, the last rebuilding of stands, means that clubs such as Liverpool, Manchester City and Tottenham are operating this season with reduced capacities — in the case of Liverpool and Manchester City, 6,000 below the *average* attendance last season.

Tottenham will be the first to know if Klinsmann is as glamorous as he seems. The German newspaper *Bild am Sonntag*, thinks not: "Good luck to Klinsmann. He deserves it. And good luck to Tottenham, they will need it." *Bild* said, assessing the belief that Klinsmann's renowned athleticism is past its peak. The summer suggested otherwise, but Klinsmann is a marvellous big-match striker, whereas in Germany, Italy and France he has been a less than consistent performer at league level.

There are already some of those in the Premiership. Maybe the thought of not having their ankles kicked black and blue will inspire the likes of Matt Le Tissier and David Rocastle and it will be intriguing indeed to see if Glenn Hoddle, at Chelsea, can coax Rocastle back to the England form that he fleetingly displayed with Arsenal.

It was, of course, George Graham who first lost patience with Rocastle and Graham, with his oratory and his recent outpourings, has sounded like an old protector of the British Empire, insisting that we play football better than all the rest, less boring than those Continentals, with more passion and commitment.

But with which tongue does Graham speak? He denigrates the foreigners and he pays £1.75 million to recruit Stefan Schwarz, of Sweden. That, the Arsenal manager says, is because Schwarz is a natural winner, a player as athletic as the British. Agreed — but this player, this excellent foreigner, has now broken the pay structure of Graham's disciplined period at Highbury. Schwarz is good, he will fit in straight away, but can a foreigner really be worth jeopardising the team harmony at an already successful club?

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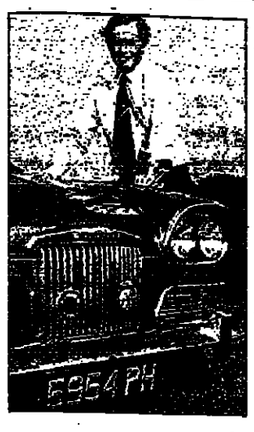
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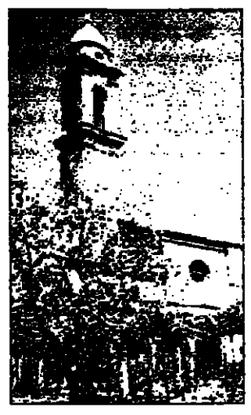


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WEEKEND

LIVE THE HIGH LIFE IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD



Thanks to Steve Johnson (second left), a modest treehouse in the 100-year-old chestnut tree blossomed into a splendid double-decker for Mark and Donna Stephens and daughters Sheridan, Olivia and Eleanor

By Frank Jeffrey

If Darwin had wanted us still to live in trees, he wouldn't have invented evolution. But, even today, if you watch carefully, you will find people who shin up a trunk of bark and linger all weekend in a spartan wooden shack 30ft in the air, cradled between a couple of muscular chestnut boughs. Remember, nobody forces them to do this. They actually *like* living in treehouses.

Why? Well, for Mark Stephens, a successful City lawyer, it was because he had a nagging vision of the image that floats through Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude* of a galleon in a tree. He had a vision, but he had no carpentry skills: even 30ft in the air, his version of a wooden galleon would probably have sunk.

As it happened, he had the number of Steve Johnson, an unemployed boatbuilder. Mr Johnson was one of the protesters who had built a treehouse in a threatened horse chestnut tree, so as to keep an eye on those trying to build a link road to the M11 near Mr Stephen's home in Wanstead, east London. Mr Stephens, through his company Stephens Innocent, helped the protesters through a few legal wrangles with the Department of the Environment. In return, Mr Johnson offered to build a treehouse in the Stephens' back garden.

The two men selected a hefty, twin-trunked, 100-year-old horse chestnut tree, bought £70 worth of wood from a demolished Victorian house and, in one weekend, built the framework of a treehouse. With their ambition pricked more deeply than they had imagined, they didn't stop at a modest platform structure. They lashed and nailed together the framework for two storeys. By the following weekend, a few weeks ago, the double-decker treehouse was complete: painted green on the outside, and sea blue on the inside. It had sturdy wooden half-walls 3ft high — just right for Mr Stephens's elder daughters Eleanor, six, and Olivia, five, to peep over into the garden below, without falling out of the nest.

A sturdy stairway leads from the ground to the first enclosed deck, and a curving wooden staircase climbs up through the leaves and twigs to the top floor. From one angle, the boat-like qualities of the treehouse appear: the top deck makes a sharp prow in to the air, like the bow of a ship. A solid pillar of wood — a main joist from the demolished house — is set in concrete and supports one corner of the house from the ground. The rest of the structure is cradled by heavy branches, its weight spread evenly through the tree to give the tree and its boathouse a chance of longevity.

Stand on the upper floor and you are about 30ft from the ground, level with the bedroom windows of the Stephens' family house, a squarish William and Mary building run up for a successful Aldgate tailor in 1700, right on the edge of Wanstead Flats.

The treehouse now looks so at home in the mature tree that it

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Benedict Nightingale

THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG: Wendy Wasserstein's wise, warm comedy brings three Brooklyn-born sisters to a reunion in Holland Park. Maureen Lipman twitters amusingly as the dimmest of them, but the evening belongs to Janet Suzman, a steely businesswoman nudged by an unexpected love affair into acknowledging her Jewish-American roots.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (081-858 7755). Evenings, 7.45pm: matinée, Saturday 2.30pm.

STREET OF CROCODILES: Do not look for narrative clarity; but Theatre de Complicite's adaptation of Bruno Schultz evokes pre-war Europe (marching boots and all) in sinister, Kafkaesque style. A good example of our most imaginative company's derring-do.
Young Vic, The Cut, London SE1 (071-928 6363). Evenings, 7.30pm: matinées, Saturday, 2.30pm.

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FILMS

Geoff Brown

THE MASK (PG): Rubber-faced comic Jim Carrey gets his best screen vehicle so far in this Jekyll and Hyde affair about a mild bank official who unleashes the beast within when he dons a strange wooden mask. Helped by computer-generated special effects, Carrey leaps round the screen, changing shape almost as often as the Genie in *Aladdin*, wisecracks and movie impersonations tumbling from his mouth. A strong supporting cast includes Peter Riegert, supermodel Cameron Diaz and Max the dog. Director, Charles Russell.
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THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Director John Dahl consolidates his status as America's keeper of the *film noir* flame with this splendid amoral tale about a bad girl who gets what she wants ($700,000) and grinds men into dust. Linda Fiorentino revels in the role of the smart New York cookie hiding out in a one-horse town, where she traps Peter Berg's insurance valuer into her arms. Steve Barancik's ingenious script has so many twists that the simple outcome may prompt disappointment.
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DANCE

John Percival

MARK MORRIS: For his third consecutive Edinburgh Festival season, America's choreographic wonder boy (or *enfant terrible*, depending on your reaction) brings a two-part work to Handel's cantata *L'Allegro, Il Penseroso ed il Moderato*, a baroque setting of a text by Charles Jennens, mainly based on two poems by Milton. Morris has a taste for working with vocal music and this production uses five solo singers and a chorus besides orchestra and 24 dancers. Thought by many of Morris's admirers to be his best work, it is the only dance production given the privilege of appearing on the new festival theatre's big stage.
Edinburgh Festival Theatre, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh (031-225 5756). Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 at 7.30pm, Monday 22 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

LUCINDA CHILDS: When Childs danced solo in London years ago, many people could not understand the detail and invention that ingeniously gave infinite variety to what superficially seemed repetitive movement. Now at last she returns to Britain with her company, and our greater experience of minimalism in movement and music should bring success to her most famous work, called simply *Dance*, given to a score by Philip Glass (Tuesday 23, Wednesday 24 at 7.30pm) and the more recent works to music by Ligeti, Xenakis and Gorecki on her second programme (Thursday 25, 7.30pm).
Playhouse, Greenside Place, Edinburgh (031-225 5756).

GALLERIES

Richard Cork

BONNARD AND MODERN PHOTOGRAPHY: A startlingly varied double bill at the Hayward Gallery. Upstairs, Bonnard's love affair with the South of France is celebrated in shimmering paintings. He lived in a villa overlooking Cannes for 20 years, and spent much of his time studying the landscape, the garden and the rooms he shared with his wife, Marthe. She was a recluse, addicted to lying in the bath. So Bonnard painted her there, in images which fuse desire with an awareness of mortality. Downstairs, a spectacular survey of "contemporary photographic art" is an international event. The emphasis is on grandeur. In black and white, Bernd and Hilla Becher build up monumental ranks of images focusing on industrial structures. In colour, Jeff Wall steals the show with his vast and dramatic light-box transparencies. They are as epic in mood as Andreas Gursky's sublime panorama of a glacial landscape. But the everyday is represented, in John Coplans's austere monochromes of his own ageing and naked body.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (071-928 3144), until August 29.

IMPRESSIONISM FOR ENGLAND: The ideal show for high summer. Samuel Courtauld was the greatest British collector of Impressionist painters and their immediate successors. Many of them were bequeathed to the Courtauld Institute, where they have now been rehung in William Chambers's Great Room at Somerset House. They look splendid, and John Murdoch, the gallery's new director, has added a selection of superb pictures which Courtauld gave to relatives. Cézanne looks especially powerful along one wall, and Manet's swansong, *A Bar at the Folies Bergère*, is the masterpiece of the show. Armed with a splendid catalogue, edited by John House, we are now able to grasp the full extent of Courtauld's discernment and generosity.
Courtauld Institute Galleries, Somerset House, The Strand, London WC2 (071-873 2526), until September 25.



ALASTAIR MUIR

Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Lynda Bellingham star in *The Sisters Rosensweig* at Greenwich (see Theatre)

MUSEUMS

John Russell Taylor

THE EMIGRANT: Under the splendid, newly restored dome of the reading room in the Scottish Record Office, this year's Festival exhibition contrives to end on a topical note with a section devoted to Robert Louis Stevenson, the "amateur emigrant" (this year is the centenary of his death). Few of the other Scottish emigrants covered were much more professional: transportation of criminals and Covenanters, famine, loss of land and military service, all took Scots abroad of necessity and desperation.

The documents include passenger lists, trial transcripts and records of state aid for emigrants to Canada, as well as personal letters and pictorial material from the archives.
Scottish Record Office, H M General Register House, Princes Street, Edinburgh (031-556 6585). Monday-Friday 10am-4pm, until Sept 23.

FLORA DANICA: In 1790, Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark commissioned an 1,802-piece dinner service from the Royal Copenhagen porcelain factory for the Tsarina Catherine II of Russia. The designs were all botanical, taken from illustrations in the scholarly work *Flora Danica*, which appeared in parts between 1761 and 1883. One of the greatest alliances between botany and decorative art, a large part of the service is on display along with the hand-coloured illustrations on which it was based and table settings of Georg Jensen silver. This is the first time the porcelain has been shown abroad.
Royal Botanical Garden, Inverleith House, Inverleith Row, Edinburgh (031-552 7171). Daily 10am-8pm, until October 16. Admission £3, concessions £2.50.



Flora Danica porcelain

JAZZ

Clive Davis

BILLY JENKINS: One of the more ingenious terms used to describe the wild and unpredictable satire of guitarist Billy Jenkins is "kitchen sink situationist". Hovering on the fringes of the avant-garde and working with various alumni of the now-defunct orchestra, Loose Tubes, he has made a collection of determinedly individual albums which form a running commentary on our assumptions about improvised music. With the help of his Voice of God Collective, he stages a self-styled "Tuesday Night Choir Practice" over two evenings this month at the Vortex, a bold and eclectic venue, where this week's programme also features two nights from the undervalued saxophonist Bobby Wellins and the trombonist and educator Scott Stroman.
Vortex Jazz Bar, 139-141 Stoke Newington Church St, London N16 (071-254 6516). Tuesdays 23 and 30 at 9pm.

ELLINGTON EXTRAVAGANZA: Although Duke Ellington's pre-eminence as a jazz composer goes unchallenged, adequately conceived programmes of his work are still a rarity. More often than not we have to be content with impromptu renderings of "Satin Doll" played *ad nauseum*. The trombonist Bob Hunt is among a small but dedicated number of musicians — Alan Cohen, Brian Priestley and Bob Wilber are three of the pioneers in this country — who have devoted heroic efforts to the task of transcribing parts from original Ellington recordings. The eight-piece band that Hunt brings to the Aldeburgh Foundation's summer season includes John Barnes on baritone sax, Mike Cotton on trumpet and Martin Lytton on piano.
Snape Proms, The Concert Hall, Snape Maltings, Suffolk (0728 453543). Thursday 25 at 7.30pm.

ROCK

David Sinclair

READING FESTIVAL: It doesn't have the bucolic mystique of Glastonbury or the novelty of the Phoenix, but as rock festivals go Reading still ranks among the best. It boasts a splendid choice of heavyweight attractions on the main stage, including Cypress Hill, Primal Scream, the Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Soundgarden and Therapy? (surely the act which has played at most festivals this year). The event also provides, on the *Melody Maker* stage, a showcase for the bands that will be headlining in years to come: among them Tindersticks, Echobelly, Morphine, Compulsion, Elastica, Madder Rose, Lush, Gene and Candlebox.
Reading Festival, Richfield Avenue (071-284 4111). Friday 26-Sunday 28; music from 2pm Friday and 12 noon Saturday and Sunday, until 11.30pm every night.

GUN: Glaswegian road dogs with an impeccable pedigree, Gun cut their teeth on the European concert circuit before being hand-picked by Mick Jagger and Keith Richards to support the Rolling Stones on their massive *Urban Jungle* tour of 1990. Now with their third album, *Swagger*, already a top five hit, the band are taking their no-frills rock 'n' roll show back to the clubs that nurtured them in the first place.
Riverside, Newcastle (091-261 4386), Monday 22; **Middlesborough Town Hall** (0642 242561), Tuesday 23; **Esplanade**, Southend (0702 460440), Wednesday 24; **Junction**, Cambridge (0223 412600), Thursday 25; **Roadmenders**, Northampton (0604 604222), Friday 26; **Bierkeller**, Bristol (0272 268514), Sunday 28; **Leadmill**, Sheffield (0742 754500), Monday 29; **Club Rio**, Bradford (0274 735549), Tuesday 30; **Lomax**, Liverpool (051-236 0329), Wednesday 31; **Pyramids Centre**, Portsmouth (0705 877895), Thursday, September 1; **East Wing**, Brighton (0273 202881), Saturday 3; **Wulfrun Hall**, Wolverhampton (0902 312030), Sunday 4; **Rock City**, Nottingham (0602 412544), Monday 5; **Astoria**, London WC2 (071-434 0403), Tuesday 6; **Boardwalk**, Manchester (061-228 3555), Thursday 8; **Barrowlands**, Glasgow (041-552 4601), Friday 9. All shows 7.30pm.

OPERA

Rodney Milnes

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: Australian Opera makes its first visit to Edinburgh with Baz (*Strictly Ballroom*) Luhrmann's enchanting and enchanted production of Britten's opera. The setting is the British Raj, the fairies are Indian deities, Theseus the Viceroy, the lovers Mitford boys and gels, with the rustics straight out of *It Ain't Half Hot, Mum*. The orchestra plays on the stage bandstand, with jungle waters swirling underneath. Roderick Brydon conducts a mostly Oz cast, with guest Michael Chance as Oberon. Reportedly the hottest ticket in town: even critics haven't got seats. Now *there's* a challenge.
Festival Theatre, Nicolson St, Edinburgh (031-225 5756). Thursday 25, Friday 26, 7.15pm.

SARAJEVO: Opera Factory gives the premiere of Nigel Osborne's new music-theatre piece, with words by Euripides (*The Trojan Women*), Craig Raine and the inhabitants of the Bosnian capital, where Osborne has spent much of the past two years. David Freeman directs in decor by David Roger, and Tuesday's premiere is a fund-raising night. There is nothing new about opera concerning itself with contemporary issues, but trust the Factory to do so in such uncompromising, hand-to-hand fashion.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Tuesday 23, Thursday 25, Friday 26, 7.45pm.

CLASSICAL

Richard Morrison

PICK OF THE PROMS: It is five years since Claudio Abbado became principal conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic, and his critics would say that he has not yet stamped his personality on the orchestra in the overwhelming way that his predecessor, Herbert von Karajan, did. That is exactly what his supporters would say, too. Abbado is the opposite of domineering; that is probably what appealed to the Berliners when they appointed him. The question is: has he enhanced the special quality of this great ensemble? Two contrasting Proms this week should answer that. Mahler's Ninth Symphony (Thursday 25) will probe Abbado's spiritual qualities, while an all-Russian showpiece programme (Friday 26) will test his ability to generate high-class fizz.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London (071-589 8212), 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: The Beethoven theme goes on and on, with particularly recommendable sonata recitals by the pianists Alfred Brendel (Usher Hall, Monday 22, 8pm) and Richard Goode (Queen's Hall, Tuesday 23 and Friday 26, 11am). Most interest, orchestrally, will be in the period-instrument Beethoven played by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Sir Charles Mackerras: Symphonies Nos 4 and 7 are on Thursday 25 (Usher Hall, 8pm), and the Ninth is on Friday 26 (Usher Hall, 8pm).
Edinburgh Festival: Box office 031-225 5756.

LONDON

An Elephant Takes Too Much Room: The Cuban Theatre Company uses 15 oversized beachballs, live music and movement to create a surreal world in this outdoor theatre show for children.
Festival Hall (Outside), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Today, tomorrow, 4.30pm. Free.

Limehouse Basin Festival: See cruising and narrow boats, barges and yachts, plus Chinese lion dancers and circus acts.
Limehouse Basin, Narrow Street, E14 (071-512 0455). Today, 11am-8pm; tomorrow, 11am-6pm. Free.

ESSEX

The Adventures of Sinbad: London Bubble presents an outdoor show for children based on the *Tales from the Arabian Nights*, with make, play and show workshops.
Valentines Park, Ilford (071-237 1663). Thursday 25 to Saturday 27, 2pm; Sunday 28, 3pm. Tickets £4. Workshops: Thursday 25, Saturday 27, 11am, £2.

An Andalusian Affair: A flamenco tale of passion, music and dance performed in the grounds of a Jacobean mansion by Andalucian stallions and their riders, Spanish dancers and guitarists.
Audley End, Saffron Walden (0799 522842). Today, 7.30pm. Tickets: adults £8, child £4.



A flamenco guitarist

KENT

Emmetts Country Fair: A two-day fair in the beautiful grounds of one of the highest gardens in Kent.
Emmetts Garden, Ide Hill, Kent (0732 750367). Today, tomorrow, 11am-5pm. Adults £3 (£4 including gardens), child £1.

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British Birdwatching Fair
Egleton Nature Reserve, Rutland Water (0572 770651). Today, tomorrow, 9.30am-5.30pm. £6, child free.

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Family Fun Day: Clowns, races, face painting and Rupert Bear.
Wallington, Cambo, Morpeth (0670 74283). Tomorrow, 10am-5.30pm. Adults £4.40, child £2.20.

SCOTLAND

Fringe Sunday: Traditionally part of the Edinburgh Festival, an open-air event with 1,500 scheduled performers and thousands of impromptu performances. Also, the Grampian specialist dogs show their skills.
Holyrood Park, Edinburgh (031-226 5257). Tomorrow, 1pm-5pm. Free.

Medieval Merry-Making: Visit Bothwell Castle to enjoy a performance of *Only a Game*, a comedy with song and dance.
Bothwell Castle, Bothwell, Lanarkshire (0698 816894). Tomorrow, 2.30-4.30pm. Adult £1.50, child 75p.

SUSSEX

Airborne 94: An air festival featuring the Red Arrows, helicopter flights, simulators, a birdman competition, aerobatics and a grand firework finale.
Seafront, Eastbourne (0323 411400). Today, 10am-7pm; tomorrow, 10am-10pm. Free.

WALES

Equilibre: A performance in celebration of the horse.
Carreg Dressage, Abercegir, Machynlleth, Powys (0650 511222). Today, Wednesday-Friday, 8.30pm. Tickets: adults £6.50, child £5.

Welsh Hedgehog Hospital Open Day and Countryside Fair: See and hold some of the sick and orphaned hedgehogs the hospital aims to reintroduce into the wild.
The Welsh Hedgehog Hospital, Llanddeiniol, near Aberystwyth, Dyfed (0974 381). Today, 10am-4pm. Adults £1.50, child £75p.

HEATHER ALSTON

Louisa Young participates in a soul-stirring gospel celebration in Los Angeles

AT YOUR SERVICE

Never have I seen so many beautifully dressed women in one building. The occasion was the 19th anniversary of Pastor Melvin von Wade Sr's incumbency at Mount Moriah. There were hats and suits, veils and high heels, shocking pink and electric blue, sets of little girls in matching lace frocks, four-year-old boys in immaculate suits and ties. Pastor von Wade, dripping in gold jewellery, wore a black suede suit with snakeskin trim. He greeted my companion David, a regular at the church, saying that if he didn't turn up for bible class he might have to "use these on him" — gesticulating with his gold and diamond knuckleduster rings.

Congregation participation is an important part of the service. "Say Amen!" cries the pastor, and we do: "Say Amen again!" and we do, again, at twice the volume. Twelve elders of the church — the Devotional Committee, all men — sat in special booth-like pews at the front, calling their support and agreement to the pastor's every word.

The choir, 60 strong, files in down three aisles from the back after the congregation is seated, singing "For this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; neither be ye grieved. For the joy of our Lord is your strength". The effect is heart-stopping; the sound monumental: the soul-stirring, gut-wrenching sound of gospel from the heart sung by people who can really sing. It is easy to recall that the great soul singers learnt their trade in church. The soloist is not unlike Aretha Franklin.

Pastor von Wade's family process in: Mrs von Wade in a peachy pink cartwheel hat; Melvin von Wade Jr; the daughter and the younger son, the Reverend David von Wade, (an associate minister at Mount Moriah — Pastor von Wade's father is also a Reverend).

The theme of the day is that the good pastor is worthy of double honour, and double honour is what the congregation are giving their pastor and his family. They love him, it shows, and you soon learn why. He gives a service of extraordinary passion. His address is a cross between Martin Luther King and Marvin Gaye: half-spoken, half-sung, with a musicality to the speech and a lyricism to the singing which knocks you flat and inspires completely unembarrassed participation.

I had thought that being one of only two white faces might make me self-conscious, or make the congregation conscious of me, but within minutes that feeling vapourised in the sheer strength of faith and devotion.

Pastor von Wade spoke with passion of the need for this faith and devotion. He knew all of his congregation, and called individuals to the front of the church if he felt they needed special prayers: the wife of a man in hospital; the mother of a young man recently shot on the street. Everyone knew their neighbours' problems, and the concept of "the support of the church" took on a tangible presence. This was community.

As this was a special occasion, Pastor von Wade had presents for the stalwarts of his church, and they were called to the front to receive tokens of his esteem. But Mammon was not the order of the day. A special booklet had been prepared for the anniversary. "It's beautiful isn't it?" said the pastor.

I came out three-and-a-half hours later humming the Lyle Lovett song "Church": "Now to the Lord let praises be/ it's time for dinner, now let's go eat./ We'll have some beans and some good corn bread./ now listen to what the Preacher said ..." That much spiritual sustenance leaves you very hungry.

Mount Moriah Baptist Church, 4269 Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California.

MINISTER: Pastor Melvin von Wade Sr.

ARCHITECTURE: Large, modern, forgettable, in a run-down neighbourhood in Los Angeles. ★

THEME: Sister Rose Hornby on how the good pastor is "worthy of double honour" (1 Timothy 5). ★★★

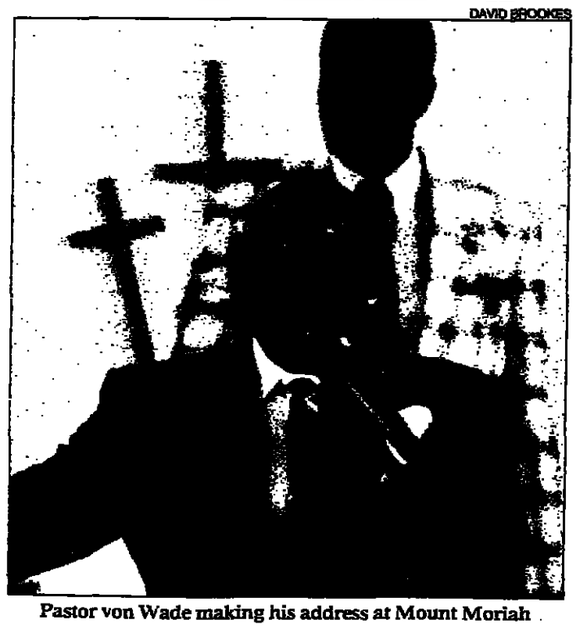
SERMON: The Reverend Sam Williams from Oakland, California, who told us, with great verve and passion, that "It's later than you think". ★★★★

MUSIC: Superb. A 60-strong choir, Hammond organ and a small electric band led by conductor Doretha Wilkerson. ★★★★★

AFTER SERVICE CARE: Welcoming embraces all round, followed by fried chicken, rice and beans and cornbread. ★★★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: An enormous sense of a strong community with a deep, active and positive faith.

● *Ruth Gledhill is on holiday.*



DAVID BROOKES

Pastor von Wade making his address at Mount Moriah

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'I have to blow a whistle to warn topless sunbathers'







As Mark Stephens's carpentry skills were non-existent, he asked former eco-warrior and boatbuilder Steve Johnson to create his vision of a galleon in a tree, inspired by Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude*

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might almost have grown there, like some giant surreal conker. The old seasoned wood helps. So does its structure and shape which were dictated by the tree's strength and form. Mr Johnson explains that it is no use making a treehouse from a neat set of blueprints; you have to clamber about the tree working out which branches will bear what sort of load. You mustn't use too many nails fixing the framework to the trunk and branches: that would damage the tree. Strategic wedging and rope lashing are better. The main structure must hang together to create a skeleton of strength. The careful balancing of tree and structure injects beauty in the creation.

Mr Stephens maintains that he wants *the house for his* three daughters Eleanor, Olivia and Sheridan, one. Then he confesses self-interest: "My parents' neighbours had one when I was about five and it fascinated me. The idea of living up there in the trees, sort of floating above the real world was wonderful."

He looked into the legal side: "You don't always need planning permission for a treehouse," he says. "It's a temporary structure, rather like a garden shed. But you have to check with your planning authority, and you really must go round and see your neighbours to check whether they object.

"Some of the main branches overhang the garden next door. If the neighbours chose to exercise their legal rights they could simply lop off those branches and the house would collapse. As it was, nobody objected. I had to promise to raise a red flag and blow a whistle when I went up there, because the house overlooks half a dozen gardens, and people sunbathe topless. You can see bedroom windows from up there, too, so I won't be taking binoculars aloft. I'd hate to see a headline in the *Wanstead Times* that said 'Legal eagle had bird's-eye view'."

If you had seen the two men sawing and heaving the structure into shape, you would have thought them an odd couple of workmates. Even without pinstripes, Mr Stephens's large frame and direct manner can be formidable. The Law Society's *Gazette* calls him "the patron solicitor of previously lost causes". Working for the National Union of Mineworkers, Mr Stephens was able to prevent Michael Heseltine, at least for a time, from going ahead with the closure of 31 pits announced in October 1992. A fellow solicitor said of him: "Mark's a helluva lawyer with an ego to match." Now he has a treehouse to match, too.

Mr Johnson, long-haired and tattooed, is also famous in his own way: the 35-year-old built a treehouse as part of the Glastonbury Festival and staged a photographic exhibition up there of the Wanstead protest and other road battles. He insists he's a *former* eco-warrior these days, though he's still actively concerned about Green issues: "Just not in the front line any more." He used to build boats in Cornwall, but there's not a lot of that going on in the recession. Both men are pleased that the treehouse is an exercise in recycling. "We only had to buy three planks of new wood," says Mr Stephens. "Steve found the bannister rail for the circular staircase in a skip."

The total cost of the treehouse was about £100, though if you bought new wood and paid for labour it would be about ten times that. The finishing touches — hanging flower baskets and electric light — added to the cost.

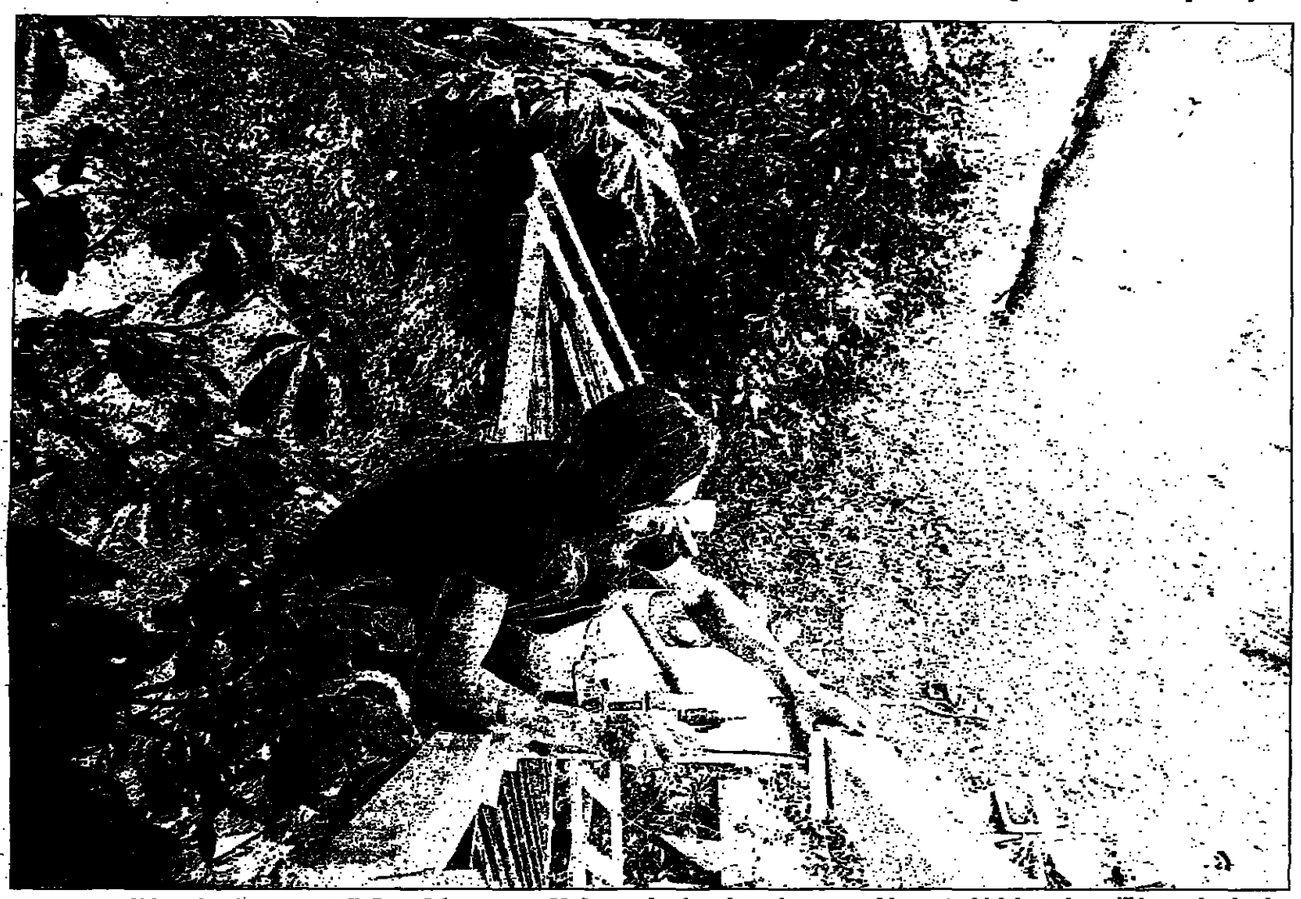
Since the house was "topped out" with a birthday party for Olivia, a stream of admiring friends and neighbours has arrived to inspect it.

"Now they all want one," says Mr Stephens. "Treehouses will come out in Wanstead like a rash. In years to come when the Department of Transport has managed to render England one big asphalt jungle, my children will turn to their children and say: 'When I was a girl all this area was dotted with treehouses'."

He sees the house in the chestnut branches as a retreat, a hideout. "Though not a secret one," he says. "I crept up there to do some work and my mobile phone rang. My wife Donna said she knew I was there and would I come down at once. It was my turn to do the nappies."

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A neat set of blueprints is no use at all, Steve Johnson says. He has to clamber about the tree working out which branches will bear what load



The treehouse built for the Glastonbury Festival

YOUR TREEHOUSE AND THE LAW

IF YOU are planning to build your haven in the trees, Class E of the 1988 Town and Country Planning Order makes boring but essential reading. Contravene it and you may have to face your local council wielding its bureaucratic axe. Last November, a family in Bath was ordered to take down the children's 10ft by 6ft treehouse because it was erected *near listed buildings*.

The order permits the construction "of any building or enclosure . . . for a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse". However, there are restrictions.

- You may not build your treehouse nearer to the road than your house. If your house is set back from the road, the treehouse must be built at least 20 metres (about 66ft) away from the road.
- If your treehouse is to have a capacity greater than ten cubic metres (about 13cu yd) it must be at least five metres (about 16½ ft) away from your house.
- If your treehouse is to have a ridged roof, then its height may not exceed four metres (about 13ft). In any other case, the limit is three metres (about 10ft). However, as far as treehouses are concerned, this is a grey area. Does this mean the height from the ground, i.e., including the tree trunk? Or does this mean the height of the treehouse itself, i.e., from its floor to its roof? Opinions vary from planning office to planning office, so ring first. And persist.
- Those with grand designs or small gardens should know that a treehouse may not cover more than half of the garden.
- If your "dwellinghouse" or other neighbouring properties are listed buildings, or if you live in a conservation area, you will need to seek planning permission.
- If the law is not a problem, then your neighbours may be. If the treehouse is going to overlook their property, they may have legitimate cause to call the local authority's axeman. It is best to consult your neighbours first. A good compromise may be to ensure that the treehouse has no windows which overlook next door. Alternatively, if you are feeling combative, you could tell them that you could climb up the tree to spy on them anyway, so what difference is a treehouse going to make to their privacy?

GUY WALTERS

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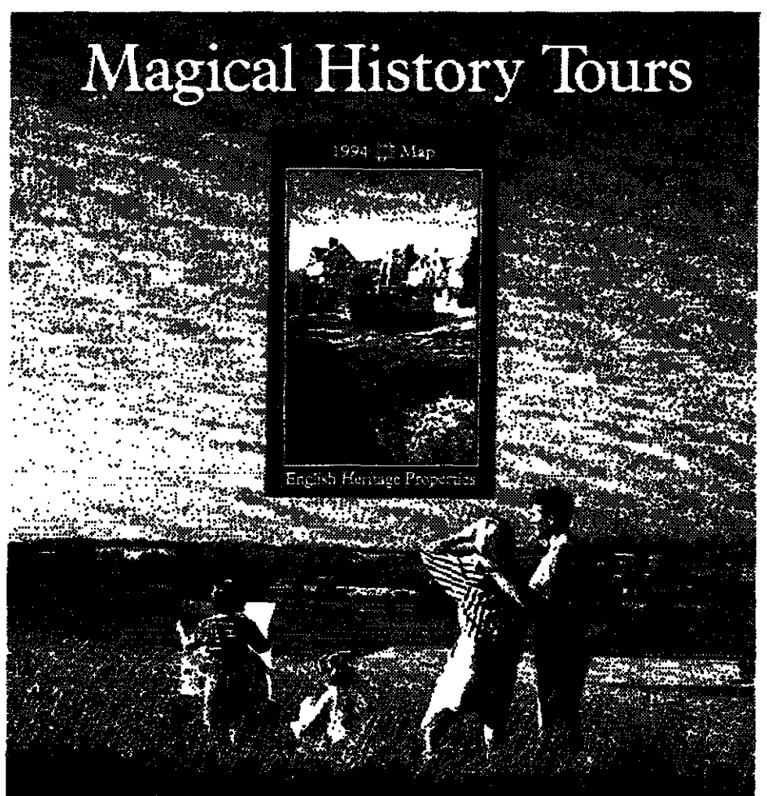
FINDING a treehouse builder is not easy. It is best to seek advice from a local tree surgeon, or at a garden centre. The following treehouse builders work nationwide:

☐ Steve Johnson, who helped to build Mark Stephens's treehouse: 3 Lonsdale Court, Lonsdale Road, Wanstead, London E11 (081-530 2983). *Prices vary according to* size of tree and house.

☐ Mark Strutt, St Catherine, Bath BA1 8HA (0225 859034). *Mr Strutt, a land agent, designs and* builds treehouses in his spare time. Prices vary according to the sophistication and size of the treehouse required — from several hundred pounds to several thousand.

☐ Carpenter Oak and Woodland Co, Hall Farm, Thickwood Lane, Colerne, Chippenham, Wiltshire (0225 743089, contact: Charles Brentnall). This company *specialises in oak-framed* treehouses, which it can deliver and erect anywhere in Britain. Prices start at £4,000.

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Branch headquarters for road protesters

STEVE Johnson was laid-up in hospital with a broken leg after a football match when he became drawn into the eco-protest movement. Dramatic scenes on television of protesters trying to save Twyford Down, near Winchester, Hampshire, from excavators for the M3 extension left a deep impression. From his hospital window near Greenwich, south London, he could see Oxleas Wood, which was facing a similar threat.

As soon as he was able walk on crutches, he went to Twyford to lend moral support. After three months of peaceful demonstration, he switched his crusade to the M11 link road protest in east London. Here, a group had worked round the clock on a treehouse, which they built in a centuries old sweet chestnut tree on George Green, Wanstead, directly in the path of the oncoming road. They lived in it for a month until an army of 1,200 police, security guards and bailiffs ejected them and pulled it down.

In the heat of the battle, Mr Johnson, 35, suffered further leg injuries, which led him to retreat from "direct action occupation". He assumed the role of campaign photographer and treasurer.

Another treehouse was put up in a horse chestnut, which overlooked the protesters' newly declared independent state of Wanstonia. One month later, the authorities descended again. Dozens of eco-warriors held out for 18 hours. But yet another treehouse was destroyed.

Undaunted, Mr Johnson helped to supervise the construction of more treehouses along the route of the M11. "It is a symbolic gesture," he says. Several are in Claremont Road, the home of 93-year-old Dolly Watson, who has refused to leave the house in which she was born, but who was taken to hospital with a chest infection this week.

Mr Johnson's collection of protest photographs, which he exhibited in a treehouse at the Glastonbury Festival in Somerset, has attracted more than 3,000 viewers to the London Ecology Centre in Shelton Street, Covent Garden. London. Now he considers his apprenticeship is finished and is planning to take treehouse construction to its limits. "The houses offer adventure for children of all ages. They have to be constructed well to obtain maximum long-term benefits. The sky, or the branches, are the limit," he says.

Of his role as an eco-warrior, Mr Johnson says: "I still do my bit and dash out of the door, camera ready, when needed."

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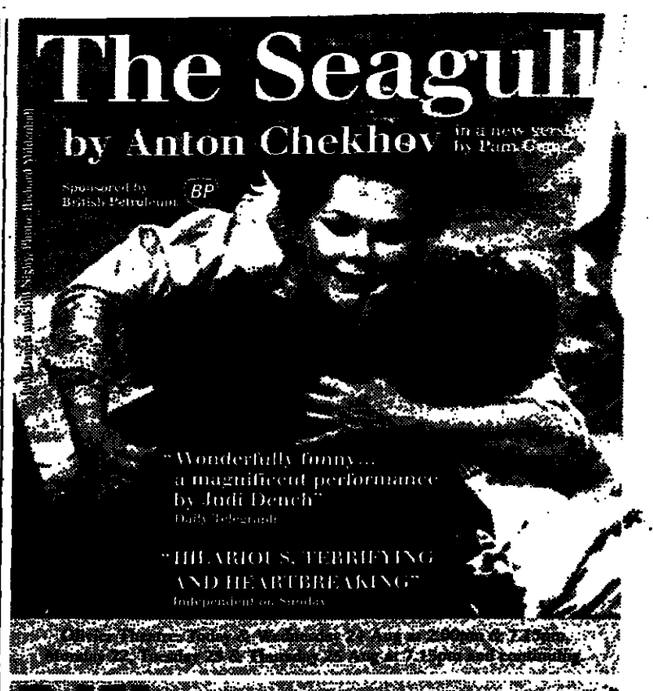
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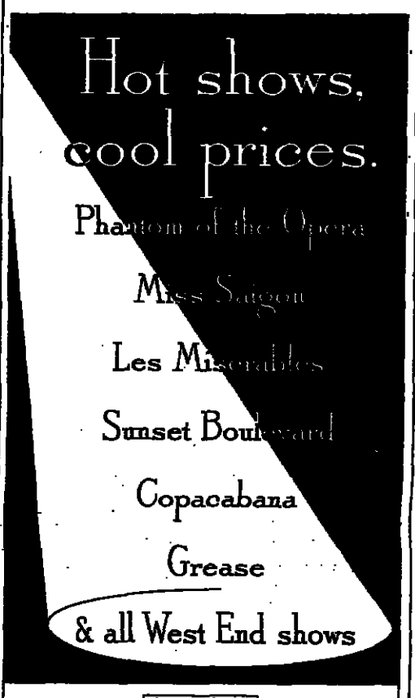
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WEEK IN THE ARTS



RICHARD MORRISON

The man at the other end of the phone on Thursday sounded desperate, disillusioned and very cross. "Some form of protest has to happen," he shouted at me. "They are saying that I have quit my job. I have not. They deliberately forced me out in August, while everybody is on holiday, and they are daring me to take them to court. The rules of common decency don't apply to the way they have treated me. I have been allowed back into my office only to collect my things."

A common enough lament, unfortunately, in these tough times. What makes it worth reporting is that my caller was Myung Whun Chung, who is music director of the Bastille Opera in Paris — or was until last week, as you may have gathered. Yes, the world's most notorious opera house (and that title takes some winning) is in crisis again. It is still locked in legal battle with its *former* music director, Daniel Barenboim — spectacularly fired from his £700,000-per-season contract in 1989 before the £350-million theatre had even opened. Now his successor is also putting his *affaire* into *les mains de son avocat*.

In Britain, analysis of the Bastille's problems usually runs as follows: a) the French were daft in the first place to let President Mitterrand erect such a profligate monument to his own Napoleonic vanity; b) having built a theatre with the world's most sophisticated stage machinery, they forgot to ask somebody to explain how it all works; c) in any case, the rigidly unionised workforce is usually on strike; d) if set to music, the saga of management sackings would most certainly make an opera longer than *The Trojans*.

The story of the Bastille is thus triumphantly presented by some as evidence that lavish operatic subsidy leads to Wagnerian levels of waste. And even the stoutest defender of the lyric arts has to admit that the Bastille's record makes *The Rake's Progress* look like an exercise in Franciscan austerity. Its subsidy, four times Covent Garden's, is still inadequate, apparently; its debts are rising by about £4 million a year.

Well, the French began to wake up to this monster draining their coffers. Even the nation that gave the world Jacques Attali can have too much of an extravagant thing. And anyway, the incoming right-wing government saw the opportunity for a little cultural humiliation of Mitterrand. "Politicians don't support projects their rivals set up," says Chung.

So the Bastille supremo who had sacked Barenboim — Pierre Bergé, the fashion king and friend of Mitterrand — was himself ousted last year. He was replaced by Hugues Gall, a respected opera administrator and (more to the point) a chum of the new Prime Minister, Edouard Balladur.

Gall has a mandate to curb the Bastille's excesses. And although he doesn't officially take over until next August, he seems to be the one who pulled the podium from under Chung's feet last week, alleging that Chung was not co-operating in cutting expenditure, and removing Chung's powers of artistic direction to the extent that, in Chung's words "he could even object to my choice of tempi". Since February, says Chung, "no point in my contract concerning artistic responsibility has been respected".

I have some sympathy for the conductor (younger brother of that *fine violinist, Kyung-Wha Chung*). After Barenboim's sacking, the Korean agreed to pick up the pieces just six weeks before the theatre's grand opening, with half the musical world boycotting the Bastille in solidarity with Barenboim. Chung could barely speak a word of French (he learnt in a year) — and the Parisians are not exactly noted for their hospitality towards those who are struggling to master their noble tongue.

What's more, Chung faced an orchestra that many conductors considered unmanageable. "In my first week," he claims, "a player said to me 'I don't know what you're doing here, but you will soon find out that it is impossible to work with us'."

Resolute and gifted, Chung proved this cheerful chappie wrong. In five years he has gained the affection of *musicians, the praise of critics and* the loyalty of audiences. The administration's financial failings were not his fault, he says.

That is why he is so furious at being vilified as an inflexible, power-hungry and money-grabbing villain by the new management. "But I suspected what might happen when I heard of Gall's appointment," he adds. "I just didn't expect it to this degree."

He now hopes that the orchestra and chorus will rally to his aid when they return from holiday — although he claims, a touch disingenuously, that he is "absolutely against any form of protest that will damage the running of the theatre". A letter of protest from Bastille audience members against "*l'éviction brutale*" of their music director has been circulated, and *Le Monde* has declared its support for Chung under the awesome headline "*L'irresponsabilité de l'Etat*".

Far from being over, then, the epic of Chung vs Gall may only have reached the Act I curtain, and all of Paris awaits the daily developments. It's certainly the most gripping show in town. But when Mitterrand said that he wanted his new Bastille to transform opera into popular entertainment, I don't think this is quite what he had in mind.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: The classy end of the Fringe drama programme; plus a round-up of some of the smaller dance shows

Back in Celtic twilight

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale**

on the mixed fare at the Traverse

The official festival may be a downer this year — Lepage at his more imaginatively fitful in *Seven Streams of the River Ota*, the Berliner Ensemble at its bleakest in an anti-war *Antony and Cleopatra*, frosty Goethe at the Lyceum — *but there is, as usual,* a safe haven from the theatrical damp and drizzle. The Traverse has at least three fine offerings on its main stage: Tom Courtenay with a drinking man's guide to Soviet Russia; Glasgow company Communicado in Synge's *Playboy of the Western World*; and Brad Fraser with yet another play suggesting that someone should substitute a syringe rampant for the maple leaf on Canada's national flag.



Tom Courtenay

Why do we not see more of Courtenay? No lover of acting should miss the blend of humour, vulnerability, fatalism and dry despair he brings to the role of Venichka, soak extraordinary, and nobody with an interest in Russia, booze or metaphysics should pass by Stephen Mulrine's adaptation of Venedikt Yerofeev's **Moscow Stations**. Why, you even learn the recipe for Spirit of Geneva: beer, distilled varnish, white lilac toilet water, and sock deodoriser. After a good dose someone can spit in your face for two hours and you don't even notice; or so Courtenay assures us.

The main narrative concerns Venya's train-trip to visit *his son in a Moscow suburb*. He fails to get there, and not just because his bottle is stolen, leaving him without the only form of currency the ticket inspector accepts — ladlings of vodka. In fact, he makes a bleary round-trip back to Moscow, where he meets a suitably Russian end: crazy, violent and obscurely religious in its ramifications.

In his earnest way, Courtenay's Venya talks of angels, egg-nog, his fellow-*citizens' vacant, bulging eyes*, and the time he sent a graph of his alcohol intake in error to the authorities and lost his state sinecure. "All Russia's finest sons, the people she really needed, drank like fish," he says, "because they were honest enough to know they couldn't relieve the people's suffering." That is his self-justifying claim; but his lank hair, ugly clothes and woebegone looks tell us more about the soulless promises of Communism and the human devastation it has left behind.

Brad Fraser is already assured of the metropolitan showing Courtenay deserves, for his **Poor Super Man** moves to Hampstead next month. The play does for the fair city of Calgary what his *Unidentified Human Remains* did for Edmonton. It comes in brusque, brash scenes which cumulatively show that the most innocuous-sounding places have not sidestepped the late 20th century and its gifts: drugs, plague, cynicism, ennui and a restless, unfulfilled craving for love.

A would-be transsexual (Jude Akuwudike) succumbs to Aids before he can get his operation. A bitchy journalist (Elaine Collins) prowls the stage bemoaning her need for sex and men's failure to provide it. But there is a clearer narrative than in *Remains, this time involving* David (Ian Gelder), a gay painter who seeks to unblock himself by taking a job as a waiter. He leaves with more than a refreshed talent, too. The owner (Christopher Simon), callow but married, ends up in his bed.

This is an example of an increasingly common genre, the "coming-out drama". The queasy should be warned that it has its R-ratable moments; but it is certainly more thoughtful than most. Wittier too, as witness David's riposte when his lover demands a reward for working as a model: "*You don't pay the* fruit when you paint a still-life." The knowing messages ("lie" when someone is evasive) flashing at the back do not add much. It is the truculent fizz of Fraser's writing that has the power to surprise and shock.

Synge's **Playboy of the Western World**, a tale of the mild boy fêted as a Gawain or Achilles in western Ireland for supposedly murdering his father, had that power in 1907 and, thanks to Gerry Mulgrew's cast, retains some of it still. It is not an obvious choice for Communicado, a company known for its physical versatility and attack. Some rough-house moments don't come off, maybe because women are embodying a couple of the raw *farmers onstage. And why* have the costumes been updated to the tacky 1940s when a reference to the Boer War is retained?

Given the grit and bite of the acting, though, you are likely to buy the anachronism. In any case, have later generations proved so much better at differentiating heroics and destruction than the Edwardian Irish peasantry? Communicado gives you leave to doubt.

SEAN HUDSON



Franchine Mulrooney, Molly Innes, Owen Kavanagh and Donna Bainbridge in *Playboy of the Western World*

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Small navel manoeuvre

The ins and outs of belly dancing; and yet more tosh from The Kosh

Say it quickly, in clipped tones, and belly dancing sounds a little like ballet *dancing — so much nicer*, don't you think?

Over the centuries, travellers describing the traditional entertainment they found in Egypt have struggled either for euphemisms, or to suggest that they didn't really approve or enjoy what they saw (although staying to the end all the same — only out of politeness, you understand).

Yet the paradox is that although ridiculous, moral or political zealots repeatedly try to put it down, the tradition still thrives: partly because women enjoy practising it within the family circle, partly because it helps poor girls make a living.

Lately we have learnt that it can be much more than a cabaret show, and now one of the dance's leading lights, Wendy Buonaventura, has come up with a splendid entertainment in **Dancing Girls** (the Demarco Foundation) that gives a complete introduction to belly dancing in theatrical terms.

Fifteen minutes after noon is not, perhaps, the ideal slot, but that is what the show gets, six days a week throughout the Edinburgh Festival, among the multifarious activities, upstairs and downstairs all day long, in Richard Demarco's new premises in a former school.

But the timing makes it easy to enjoy also the new restaurant, serving traditional Scottish seafood, which is another of the building's many attractions.

Buonaventura's format is simple, helping to clarify the historical and sociological details of a complex subject. Numerous voices are heard giving their different accounts while she and Jacqueline *Jamal illustrate the many* points of view with their energetic dancing.

And although the rotating hips and shimmering bodies maintain a level of sensuous eroticism, the tone varies enormously, from outright bawdiness at one extreme to delicate fantasy at the other, taking in humour, drama and even anger along the way.

Clever lighting and a few simple exotic furnishings assist the effect of the many gorgeous costumes in silks or shining metallic fabrics; these are quick-change artists too.

But don't expect much bare flesh: this art suggests more than it shows. Strongly recommended.

My intention of reporting also on a solo by the Belgium choreographer, **Jean Vinclair**, for his Italian wife, Daniela Luca, was literally floored when they cancelled because the proper surface for dancing had not yet been laid in their room.

But I did venture out to the Gilded Balloon II where The Kosh offers **Circuit Breaker**, a new one-woman show for Siân Williams.

Williams recites, in flat tones, a "poetic" text by Judith Wilkinson, reflecting on a broken love affair in terms of a circus act. While doing this, she spreads sand around, balances on one leg, clambers on and off a swing, and so on. I liked best her imitation of a circus pony.

"That was dreadful," three European students said as they left. "Just one cliché after another." Just so.

JOHN PERCIVAL

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Fangs ain't what they used to be

Gore has become a bore. The Fly's A-level Kafka-isms were just as gruesome as any of Jeff Goldblum's physical disintegrations; Jack Nicholson's new movie, *Wolf*, isn't interested in delivering dollops of gore, only in chewing over a few morsels of metaphor.

Where horror films used to have you cowering behind your fingers, they now give you a rap over the knuckles, a quick lesson in cinema history, and an allegory to take home in your pocket...

Tom Shone on horror movies — in The Culture, The Sunday Times tomorrow

LONDON FRINGE THEATRE

Everyone kept in the dark

Seeing Marie
Old Red Lion, EC1

THERE is a knack to the business of withholding crucial information from the audience until the last few moments. It is not a question of keeping the secret so hidden that we cannot guess. Guessing is fun, and correctly guessing satisfies the wish to be the classroom cleverclogs. The knack is to create characters with sufficient skill so that, when all is revealed, we can think back on their behaviour and see that everything they did is of a piece with the denouement. Needless to say, this rule is flouted by Agatha Christie and thriller writers of her kind, where the characters jerk this way and that like the puppets they are.

Wynn, the blind young man in Phelim Roland's two-hander, is undoubtedly a human being. Driscoll, the schoolfriend who was facing him when he lost his sight, is not. The author intends him to be one, and I dare say that Edward Woodall, who plays the role, does what he can to make him seem so. He enjoys the use of all his organs and looks human enough, but what he is required to say and do shows where his creation has gone wrong.

To some degree this is also true of Wynn but the degree is lesser and mitigated by the charm of Gary Whitaker's performance. Looking back on his even-tempered patience with Driscoll as they hurtle crazily through the nightspots of Bristol, his restraint does not seem likely but it is possible.

After six years' absence, Driscoll has come to take his friend out for a night on the town. They are to meet Marie, whose voice he describes like "perfumed smoke". Many of Driscoll's speeches are in this vein. *He is no longer the* scourge of the school lab and perhaps he is ill at ease, but there is still too much of the yob in him for this language to sound true.

Jake Lushington's direction for Angel Theatre Company cleverly suggests different corners of Bristol through changes of light and snatches of overheard sound — Simon Mills and Paul Bull, the *designers responsible — as* Wynn and Driscoll move around Christopher Oram's minimal set. The four vertical poles into which horizontals can be fitted become a statue, a quayside and several pubs.

Wynn's concern to have people and places described for him feels real; Driscoll's reluctance to make allowances always appears odd. Whitaker gives the drunken Wynn a *well-observed laugh, a kind of* helpless titter while holding his belly.

But the loving relationship they rediscover while solving some of the play's puzzles is not of a piece with the rigmarole of their pilgrimage through the city.

JEREMY KINGSTON

MARILYN KINGWILL



Gary Whitaker and Edward Woodall in *Seeing Marie*

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

NICOLA DAWN



Profession: Actress

Age: 22, just. Or, to put it another way: not too old to be uncomfortable about an*nouncing one's age in the* programme. On opening night of *Copacabana*, the Barry Manilow musical at the Prince of Wales in which she has the female lead, Lola, her biog read: "Nicola was born in Manchester and is now 21 years of age" — which in turn prompts the question. Would she be a different age if she were from somewhere else?

Background: Not exactly born in a trunk but close. Her parents, she says, "are very theatre orientated on an amateur level". Her father, a tenor, thought of singing professionally but chose the life of a salesman instead in order to earn enough money to raise four children. (Older brother, Alex, is also a performer.) She grew up doing an average of three amateur musicals a year and seems to have been in the lot — *Annie, Grease, Fiddler on the Roof, South Pacific* etc. "I'm just lucky my hobby has become my job."

How did she end up in *Copacabana*? "I went to open auditions at the Royalty Theatre in January as I was winding down *Aspects of Love* (during its brief holiday season return to the West End). I sang a big belter, 'One' from *A Chorus Line*, then did a bit of the script and sang another song. I went to see them two or three times after that, and then they told me."

What was her initial reaction? "I couldn't comprehend at first that they were giving me the part, it was very difficult to grasp. But once I knew what was in store, it all gave me a buzz: the amount of money they were spending on it, the care they were taking in casting, the involvement with Barry Manilow; it had a lot of good vibes about it. I thought it would be exciting whether it ran or not."

How was opening night? "My mum was in the third row, covered in dry ice, with my dad and my boyfriend [actor Russell Wilcox, who's in *Sunset Boulevard*]." Starting out with a "Broadway Baby"-style belt number, "Just Arrived" was also a help. "It was good to have that opportunity to vent so much nervous energy."

In light of Dawn's strong, youthful voice, ought Elaine Paige to be looking over her shoulder? "I'd like to see my career as more widely spaced than Elaine's. I hope not to get categorised into one thing but to build up West End roles and then branch out into television and recording."

What about doing *Copacabana* in America? "That's definitely a dream in Barry's mind." She pauses before adding shyly. "He can take me if he wants."

MATT WOLF

NEW RECORDINGS: Vaughan Williams on CD; Jimmy Scott's *Dream*; forever Neil Young; Vivaldi, Parrott fashion

OPERA

John Higgins

■ **VAUGHAN WILLIAMS**
Hugh the Drover
Armstrong/Tear/Lloyd/Rippon. RPO/Groves
EMI 5 65224 2 (2 CDs)★★
PERHAPS a mini British opera revival really is under way. After the Proms performance of Dame Ethel Smyth's *The Wreckers*, with the records to come shortly, EMI issues Vaughan Williams's *Hugh the Drover* on CD for the first time.

Hugh is an altogether simpler and more popular work. It held a place for some time in the Sadler's Wells repertory, mainly because James Johnston stripped down well in the title role for the prize fight which forms the climax of the first act. One of Vaughan Williams's biographers saw Hugh as a British answer to *Siegfried*: a free spirit who roams the countryside. That was pushing things a bit far. He was more akin to the hero of a primitive Western, a man who arrives from nowhere, defeats the local bully and goes off with the prettiest girl in town into the sunset — *sunrise on this occasion.*

There is a great deal of romantic hey-ho-for-the-open-road in the libretto, provided by a *Times* leader writer, Harold Child. Vaughan Williams stuffed his score with folk songs, and made sure that *Hugh* was full of melody. He started it in 1910 and there is more than a touch of Edward German and *Merrie England*. Forty years later he was still tinkering with the opera.

The Englishness of it all is excellently caught by Sir Charles Groves and the RPO in this recording made in 1978. He was not much of a hand at Italian opera during his unhappy musical directorship of ENO, but with a piece like this Groves flowered. His cast, British to the core, is never less than respectable and in some cases better than that. Michael Rippon as the villain, who is flattened in Round 2 in the ring, attempts a West Country burr for the opera's Cotswold setting. Robert Lloyd impresses as the Constable who has difficulty in keeping municipal order. And there are a multiplicity of sharp cameos of fairground pedlars.

Robert Tear in the title role does not have the Johnston swagger, especially in his big aria, "The Song of the Road", and he sounds too cultivated for a lifetime of rounding up ponies. But his singing is fresh, easy and beautifully articulated. Sheila Armstrong's soprano too has a very English attraction, but just how well she would stand up to a lifetime under the stars is also open to question. But the lyrical duets of these two Old Age travellers are among the high spots of a very enjoyable set.



Vaughan Williams listens to London rehearsals of his opera *Hugh the Drover* for the 1937 Coronation season

JAZZ

Clive Davis

■ ***JIMMY SCOTT***
Dream
Sire 9362456292 ★★
NOT long ago I was lamenting the shortage of male jazz singers that are able to compete with the best female artists. One name I overlooked — partly because he had dropped out of sight for so



Jimmy Scott: balladeer

many years — was that of "Little" Jimmy Scott.

A vocalist with Lionel Hampton in the 1940s, Scott went on to work with Ray Charles before withdrawing into semi-retirement. His rebirth began in 1991 when the president of Sire Records offered him a contract after hearing him sing at the funeral of the songwriter, Doc Pomus.

Scott was taken up by Lou Reed and Bruce Springsteen, and even made an appearance — as a ghost — in *Twin Peaks*. On hearing *Dream* it is easy to understand why his feminine, high-pitched delivery, the legacy of a childhood hormonal disorder, has made such a profound impression.

Though it has become routine to liken him to Billie Holiday, another singer that comes to mind is Shirley Horn. Like her, Scott prefers to drag the tempo down to near stalling speed, risking ever longer pauses between phrases as he reshapes the words, somehow never falling out of step with his musicians.

If *Dream* has a flaw it is that it overplays that particular hand, as ballad follows ballad. The album lacks tonal variety, but does have the benefit of sensitive accompaniment from a group led by Junior Mance, with Milt Jackson guesting on vibraphones.

■ **ANDREW HILL**
Judgment!
Blue Note CDP-8289812 ★★
1964 was the year of Hill's breakthrough session, *Point of Departure*. This equally spiky and uncompromising set dates from the same period, the pianist working alongside Bobby Hutcherson. The disc has been reissued as part of a "Connoissieur" series of rare releases which also includes Wayne Shorter's *The All Seeing Eye*.

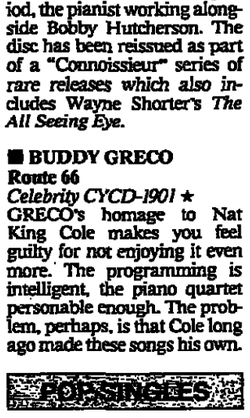
■ **BUDDY GRECO**
Route 66
Celebrity CYCD-1901 ★
GRECO's homage to Nat King Cole makes you feel guilty for not enjoying it even more. The programming is intelligent, the piano quartet personable enough. The problem, perhaps, is that Cole long ago made these songs his own.

POP SINGLES

David Toop

■ **DIAMANDA GALAS with JOHN PAUL JONES**
"Do You Take This Man?"
CD Mute 171 ★★★
SINCE her appearance as a terrifyingly gifted (or simply terrifying) singer, San Diego's Diamanda Galas has been working towards mainstream acceptance as an unholy cross between Maria Callas and Screaming Jay Hawkins. This collaboration with ex-Led Zeppelin bassist John Paul Jones may prove to be the perfect missile to propel her into the households of the uninitiated.

Looking on the cover like an early 1960s dominatrix preparing to give the likes of



Diamanda Galas: hilarious

Madonna a good trouncing, she snarls her way through a lyric that the "no more sex war" brigade should regard as a clear message to take cover. Industrial strength bass and drums give plenty of room for a blowtorch recitation of some hilarious lyrics. Brilliant, unique, though not something to give as a wedding present.

■ **BALLY SAGOO**
"Chura Liya"
Columbia 660709 2 ★★
AFTER a long spell on Asian indie labels and a brief stint at Island, Birmingham's Bally Sagoo finally signs with a major label. Having mixed up any number of Asian musics with a kitchen sink full of ragga and hip-hop, Sagoo has turned to Bollywood film songs. The blend of ethereal Indian vocals, big screen strings and ragga bass and rap is as deft (and daft) as ever.

POP ALBUMS

David Toop

■ **NEIL YOUNG**
Sleeps With Angels
Reprise 9362-45749-2 ★★★
LIKE any electric guitarist who ever plugged into a fuzz box, Neil Young loves his first position E major, E minor and A minor chords. But Young is not just an open string distortion addict; for more than 25 years he has been writing songs of simple, often tormented beauty which penetrate deep into the psyche.

Young enjoys honourable exclusion from the anxiety and derision which critics project onto middle-aged rockers. Despite his name, he has never traded in youth. His songs document the terrors of experience and awareness as well as their pleasures. As for high-octane fuzz box music, the urge remains.

Listen to the opening of his song about Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love, "Sleeps With Angels". The introductory bars could be a recording of the starting grid at a monster truck race. Setting a scene for the perfunctory lyrics of "Blue Eden", the guitar uncurls in serpentine menace before settling into a post-blues jam.

Unlike most of his peers, Young can transcend routine material such as this and find fresh ways to configure those limited but deadly guitar licks he wields with such force. Bleak and delicate songs occupy most of *Sleeps With Angels*. Young worries about the way the world is going yet refuses to slip into nostalgia.

■ **DEEE-LITE**
Dewdrops In the Garden
Elektra 559-61526-2 ★★
NEW York's Deee-Lite captured a moment in 1990 with *World Clique*, their flower power, all nations, new age, pop art, disco debut. Shortly after, the entire planet went into a tailspin and Deee-Lite's clique turned threadbare.

After a mediocre second album, here they are again, looking as fresh as paint with songs exploring new heights in cocktail lounge psychedelic disco. Lots of big singalong choruses, all of them underpinned by appealing growls, squirts and watery gurgles, ensure that the listener does not lose concentration.

VOCAL

Hilary Finch

■ **BRAHMS**
Die Schöne Magelone
Fassbaender/Leonskaja
Teldec 4509-90854-2 ★★
THE 30 songs of Brahms's *Die Schöne Magelone* have never really found their place in either the recital room or the recording catalogue.

The problem is that commentators and listeners have always persuaded themselves that the songs are incomprehensible without the story. The story is Ludwig Tieck's Romantic rewriting of the old folk tale of the Fair Magelone and Count Peter of Provence: their wooing, elopement, parting and reconciliation.

So, the songs are either carefully avoided or performed with linking narrative, as Brigitte Fassbaender does, vividly and convincingly here. Almost convincingly. Because the power of her performance alone, set into relief by the imagination of Elisabeth Leonskaja's piano playing, only points up the fact that it does not take a doctorate in German Romantic literature to divine what is going on.

Even in this strong performance the momentum is, inevitably, compromised by the narrative's interruptions. But, if the work has to be presented in this way, it could hardly be better done.

■ **IN PRAISE OF WOMEN**
Rolfe Johnson/Johnson
Hyperion CDA 66709 ★★
HYPERION has confined itself to 150 years of English women composers. As the century turns, tenor Anthony Rolfe Johnson and his pianist Graham Johnson move from parlour to protest with equal insight and conviction.

Rolfe Johnson's hymning of those pale hands beside the Shalimar, and his understated response to Liza Lehman's wry settings of Belloc's cautionary tales are taken every bit as seriously as Smyth's oblique "Possession". With Rebecca Clarke's acerbic song about the death of an aspidistra, the last link with Victoriana is severed. She makes way for the mordant medievalism of Poston, the sophisticated Auden setting of Lutyens, the spare lyricism of Maconchy's responses to Jonson and Herrick.

*With performances as allur*ing, and commentary as informative, as this, many eyes and ears should be opened wide.

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

■ **SCHUMANN**
Symphonies Nos 1 in B Flat ("Spring") & 4 in D Minor
VPO/Muti
Philips 442 121-2 ★★
RICCARDO Muti's handling of Schumann's Symphony No 4 in D Minor balances the suave and the portentous: an ideal combination in this music. There is some lovingly shaped phrasing in the Romanze, and in the Scherzo's trio. But there is also a powerful cumulative tension as the drama unfolds.

If the First ("Spring") Symphony is less convincing, it is because Muti's very brisk tempo for the first movement is too fast. Having said that, the Vienna Philharmonic blossom in the remaining three movements, where they are given the breathing space to be more lyrically expansive.

The classic recordings of the Schumann cycle by Sawallisch and Karajan will not be dislodged easily, certainly not by Muti's "Spring" Symphony. But the more successful D Minor, together with the quality of the playing, make this a disc well worth considering.

■ **HAYDN**
Symphonies Nos 99 & 100; 101 & 102
London Classical Players/Norrington
EMI CDC 5 55192 2; 5 55111 2 ★★★
ROGER Norrington and the London Classical Players entered the Haydn symphony stakes in the spring with the last two of the canon, Nos 103 and 104. Two further discs have now appeared, the first with Symphonies Nos 99 in E flat and No 100 in G (the "Military"), the second with No 101 in D (the "Clock") and No 102 in B flat.

Both maintain the standards set by that first issue, offering Haydn playing of freshness and spontaneity. The busy texture of No 99's first movement teems with life, and the finales are invariably exhilarating. Norrington and his players delight in raw timbres and acerbic edges:



Norrington: freshness

discords are not treated as mild ripples on or under the surface, but are emphasised with a pungency that draws maximum attention to them.

Characteristically, Norrington does not dally about in slow movements, often setting a cracking pace. But this does not preclude tenderness, which is evident throughout, both in the elegantly sculpted phrases of the strings and in the many expressive woodwind solos.

BAROQUE

Stephen Pettitt

■ **BEAU GENIE**
Pièces de Clavecin from the Bauyn Manuscript, vol I
Jane Chapman
Collins Classics 14202. ★★★
AT more fruitful times of the year for baroque and early music releases I would probably have gently put this disc to one side. I am glad I did not, for Jane Chapman, playing a 1614 Ruckers harpsichord that sings gorgeously, proves an eloquent and stylish exponent of its contents: a selection of the mostly French harpsichord music preserved in the Bauyn manuscript, an important late 17th-century source.

Chambonnières, d'Anglebert and Louis Couperin are the best-known composers here, but what is also surprising is the quality of some of the music composed by those more obscure. An anonymous *Pavanne Italienne* and *Pavanne Angloise* come as no anticlimax after the fine *Passacaille* by Couperin.

■ **VIVALDI**
Gloria/Magnificat
Taverner Choir and Players/Parrott
Virgin Veritas 7 59326 2 ★
ANDREW Parrott can always be relied upon to come up with something slightly different, even when the repertoire is as well known as the Vivaldi *Gloria* and *Magnificat*. This time he has wondered how the girls of the Ospedale della Pieta managed to cope with the tenor and bass parts in these and other shorter sacred pieces. The absence of evidence of men being brought in and the labels of "*basso*" or "*tenore*" beside some girls' names in surviving lists means that some sort of adaptation must have occurred. But what?

Parrott's solution is simple. Give the tenor and bass lines to sopranos and altos and make them sing an octave higher. Certainly it works to an extent. The orchestral bass maintains the harmonies, and the resulting choral sound is very sweet, even where the original tenor line in its new guise crosses the soprano line. But there is one nagging question; if Vivaldi really intended these pieces to be performed like this, would he not have naturally made the tenor and soprano lines more complementary, with imitation and touches of antiphony?



Parrott: original

THE TIMES - NPI

PASSPORT TO HISTORIC HOUSES

SPECIAL EVENTS

FOR THE AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

Taking place at Prideaux Place, Padstow, Cornwall, from Sunday 28th August to Thursday 1st September is a diverse exhibition featuring Cornish artist Mary Vivian, highly acclaimed for her sensitive portraits of children; Susan Slade for whom the Cornish landscape has always been an inspiration and the wickedly funny cartoons of Nicholas Prideaux-Brune.

Prideaux Place has been the home of the Prideaux family for 400 years. Filled with treasures, this beautiful Cornish mansion is still very much a family home.



Prideaux Place

Admission (exhibition): free (house and gardens): adults £3.50 children £1.00 (gardens only): adults £1.50 children £1.00

Opening times: 1.30-5.00pm except on 29th August when 11am-5.00pm

Times-NPI Passport holders have been offered a free guidebook to the house and gardens.

Details: 0841 532411

LAYER MARNEY TOWER

Layer Marney Tower, near Colchester, Essex, hosts the Essex Craft Society exhibition from the 28th August to the 2nd October. In addition on the 28th and 29th August you can enjoy a great family day out featuring rare animals, clowns and other entertainment.

Set in 120 acres of traditional farmland, Layer Marney Tower was built in the reign of Henry VIII, and features the tallest Tudor Gatehouse in the country. Visitors are able to climb the Tower, study the terra - cotta detailing and admire the views from the top.

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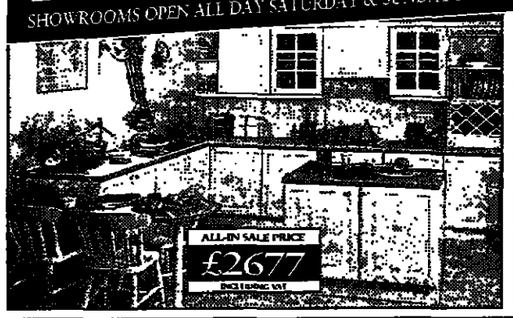
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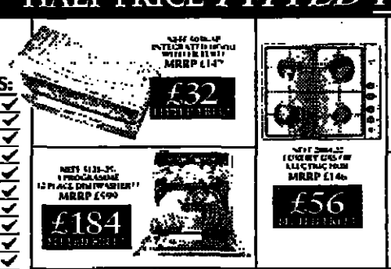
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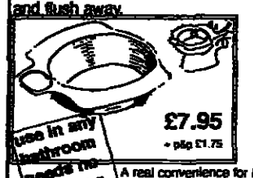
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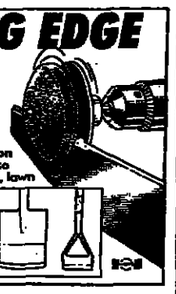
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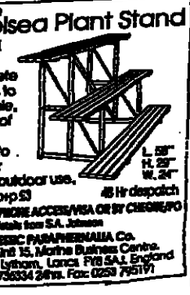
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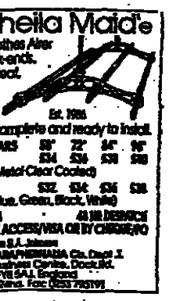
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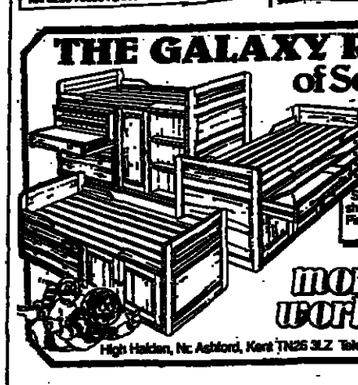


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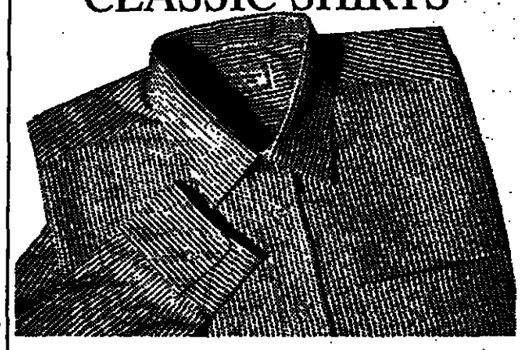
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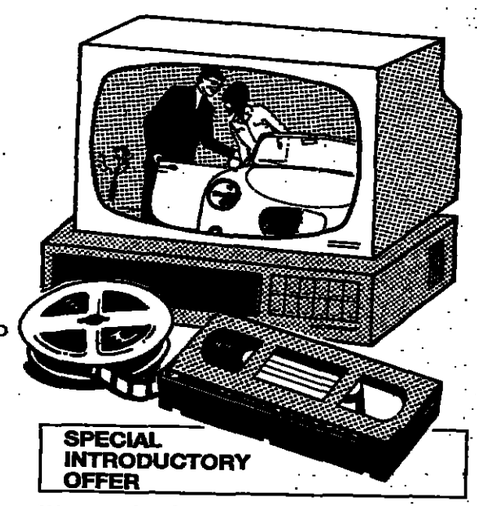
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Another new way to get wet is with a "Splash out" ball from Argos (£9.99), which is based on much the same principle as Russian roulette. You place a balloon filled with water inside the hard plastic ball, toss it around between the players and hope that you don't get caught holding the ball when the timer stops, because that's when the balloon pops and you get doused with water.

As an alternative, Hamleys' reusable foam water bombs (£2.99) are a cheap and effective means of waking sunbathers on the beach.

For non-aqueous projectile fun, try the laser disc (£1.50) from Beatties, or the Butthead (£9.99) from Hamleys. This latter will particularly please admirers of Australian lifeguards because they get to wear lifeguard-style hats, but with this difference: attached to the hats are three numbered Velcro strips. These are targets for three soft balls; the thrower scores points depending on which strips the balls stick to.

For those who prefer more challenging outdoor pursuits, try rollerblading, or in-line skating as it is correctly known. Find a flat piece of ground — pavements are not ideal as there are too many cracks and bumps — pad as much of your body as possible and take to the blades. Although knee and elbow pads are optional, the wrist guards are essential to protect your wrist bones. Be prepared to fall over frequently to begin with. I learnt to rollerblade on the slopes of Central Park in New York and suffered extreme indignity lying on my backside watching lithe college girls arabesque by.

During the past 12 months sales of blades in Britain have quadrupled, and the price of skates has come down considerably. But it is still worth borrowing or hiring them initially to see if you and skates are compatible before you invest £80 to £200. Blading gives a great work out for legs, thighs and buttocks and, if you practise the arm swing as well, you get all-over aerobic exercise.

Snakeboarding is the newest craze to roll into Britain, and it is not for the faint-hearted. A cross between a skateboard and a snowboard, the snakeboard is made up of two parallel foot-plates on wheels, about 9in apart, joined by a virtually indestructible bar. Riders propel themselves by twisting their upper body while moving their feet in and out, starting from a pigeon-toed position. The technique differs from skateboarding, where the rider picks up speed by pushing with one foot on the ground.

Snakeboarding has all the attraction of skateboarding, namely speed and street style, but manoeuvring is easier. Snakeboarders can reach up to 30 miles per hour. Prices start from £39.99 to £59.99 for learner boards, which are suitable for six to ten year olds; and from £79.99 to £149.99 for competitive or professional stunt boards, which can be used with foot straps.

If you prefer a gentler pastime, how about flying a kite? "Kite flying is neither ageist nor sexist — anyone can do it," says Brigid Hamblin, manager of the Covent Garden Kite Store in London. Kites cost from £1.75 and are perfect for summer fun: all you need is a breeze and some space. The Kite Store stocks an incredible selection of flyable objects including baby bats (£6.50) and pink elephants (£28.95), through to stunt kites, and even a kite-powered buggy to race on the beach.



The Kickmaster, £14.99 from Hamleys, is ideal for young footballers who want to practise their skills and ball control

Less energetic for after-lunch family entertainment is a game of boules, best played while drinking large amounts of red wine for that authentic French feel. Harrods sells a selection of sets ranging from £19, for three leisure boules for the casual player, to £58 for a set of eight regulation-size boules plus jack.

If you are having trouble exhausting energetic children on holiday from school, the new Kickmaster (£14.99) from Hamleys could be the answer. Imagine a piece of cord with a football at one end, a handle with a break mechanism at the other and a spring — that's Kickmaster. It is ideal for improving ball control and practising skills, and the ball extends up to 14ft but no further, which in theory means no more broken windows or stray balls bombing your park picnic.

ALICIA DRAKE



Snakeboarding is the newest craze to roll into Britain. Try it if you dare



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Beads with strings attached



Far left: beads to suit all tastes and pockets are available at the Bead Emporium

Below: make your own necklaces in original designs by stringing together glass beads



Beads are versatile and cheap: use them to brighten up drab garments, jazz up old cushions or create chic ear-rings

Janet Coles has created a mecca for crafties and lovers of original chic at The Bead Emporium in Worcester. Here are beads galore, from the cheap and cheerful to hand-blown glass beauties, plus all the tools and fixings for making your own jewellery. The shop also stocks books to show you how. And you don't have to confine yourself to necklaces and ear-rings; the stock includes the requisites for making bracelets, hair grips and even hat pins.

Beads are also great for updating and changing fashion and home accessories: revitalise an old cushion with a beaded edge; create a glamorous beaded waistcoat to liven up black-tie affairs; sew beaded tassels on a chiffon scarf for a bang-up-to-date look. I plan to make Christmas decorations with gorgeous gold varigole oro beads (£2.62 each).

The beads themselves include everything from ethnic chic (look at banded wooden ones with laminated pieces of redwood, kamagong and bayong, from 99p) to sumptuous elegance (foiled glass beads in jewel colours, 78p to £14.90) and cover all points between. There are fake pearls in all shapes and sizes to sew on wedding dresses or to make into necklaces; the gaudy plastic beads that little girls find irresistible (violet daisies, ten for 60p; electric-pink butterflies, ten for 65p) and unpretentious painted beads in wood (from ten for 24p) and ceramic (from 8p each).

For a more decorative look there is a selection of plastic beads in metallic finishes, from gold and pewter to verdigris. Stick golden papyrus beads (£2.98 each) on a pelmet and fill their hollow centres with golden coolie beads (from 14p each), or even over-the-top fake gem beads (from 12p). Prettify painted chairs by putting a silvered polo bead (£4.15) in the back of each one. Edge a gold brocade cushion with black "pearls" (6mm, ten for 25p). Ideas will come thick and fast once you start to look around.

Highlights for making your own jewellery include the Apache range of pale bone beads, carved and plain, perfect with this year's ubiquitous creams and beiges. Also look at the range of rocailles (tiny glass beads) with which you can make numerous multi-coloured strings for that fashionable Age of Aquarius look. There is a huge selection of kits: the meteorite necklace (rocks and silvery beads, 26in, £23.95) and berry ear-rings (sage-coloured silvered beads, £2.75) are my favourites.

For the faint-hearted, the shop also has a range of ready-made jewellery, from the a turn-of-the-century miroram amber necklace (£230) made by the Mizo tribe in Burma, and strung on to the original thread — to bright, hand-painted pelican ear-rings (£3) from Peru.

With semi-precious stones, freshwater and cultured pearls and even carved pendants in malachite, jade and cornelian, the choice is almost endless. If you can't get to the shop, most of the goods mentioned are available through the Janet Coles Beads catalogues — so there's no excuse. Get down and get creative!

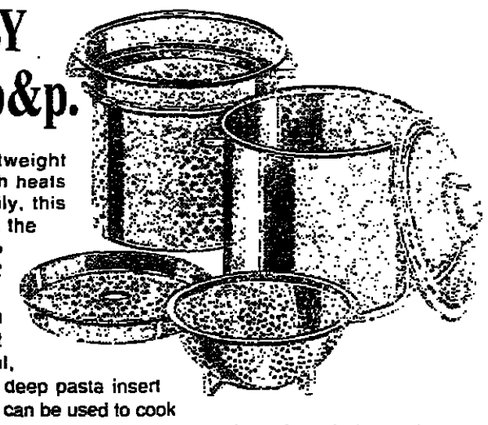
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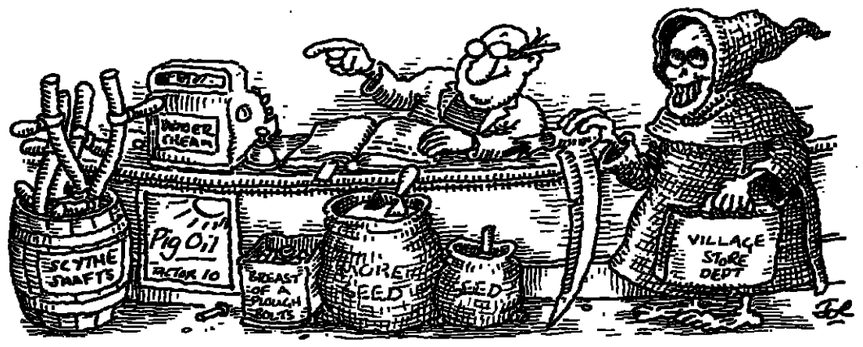
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Bitter harvest of modern farming

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY



In the short time that we have lived in this part of Suffolk we have witnessed the closing of at least half a dozen local, small businesses. We have lost our post office, where we could buy freshly made bread alongside postal-orders. Also gone from the next village is the grocer who, in times of rural prosperity, delivered groceries to the surrounding villages in a converted vehicle formed by the unlikely marriage of the rear end of a van and a Rolls-Royce motor car.

Of course, some of the shops which have recently passed away are better dead and buried. An ironmonger's shop, in particular, had an infuriating habit of never carrying the stock you needed but was always expecting it "on Tuesday". Whether you went in for glue, screws or the grate for a coal-powered Rayburn, the sequence of events was the same: ask for goods, get blank stare in return, watch aged counter staff slink to the rear of the shop and start to turn over vintage cardboard boxes, wait till they emerge to announce that they did not have one but there was sure to be one in "on Tuesday". But, alas, Tuesday never came and neither did the ordered goods. Eventually, neither did the customers. The bank manager probably performed the last rites on this little business on a Tuesday when the shop was least expecting anything to happen.

We do not mourn its demise too much, but now we have had a much more serious loss. It is difficult to describe the impact that it has had on us, but if you were to tell a Knightsbridge duchess that Harrods had closed, or a Japanese tourist that Marks and Spencer at Marble Arch had shut up shop, you would get some idea of how much this loss has cut straight to our hearts.

The shop was no more than a glass-fronted asbestos shed; hot as a greenhouse in summer, chilly as a morgue from October through to May, and pretty miserable to look at. It had no fancy checkouts, hardly a sign to proclaim its presence, but it has been the centre of my farming life for as long as I can remember. Come to think of it, before I took to farming and was merely a country-dweller-with-dreams, I used to hang around this establishment like a child drawn to a games arcade, wondering whether I might one day buy a set of calf ear-tags of my own. It was our local branch of the Eastern Counties Farmers, which slipped peacefully into receivership a few weeks ago.

We are still not over the shock. Where do I go now for a tub of udder cream, a drenching gun, an electric fence insulator or a nut and bolt for the breast of a plough? What will keep me out of mischief on wet afternoons now that I can no longer wander along the shelves, picking over items, looking for one that might make farming life a bit easier? When the handle breaks on the pitchfork, where else can I go that is merely ten minutes drive away and find a range of them on offer?

More seriously, when an animal needs a bit of first aid, such as a pig that is at risk from sunburn, must I go into our local chemist and start rummaging through the Ambre Solaire now that I cannot run into the farm shop for a tin of pig oil?

What makes the whole business especially sad is that this was just one of several shops owned by this farming co-operative, and of them all, I am told, this one stood out as being profitable. In fact, there was some hint that a buyer might have been found and the business kept running. But no, the receiver decreed otherwise. It's easy for him. He doesn't have pigs to worm, cattle to drench, fences to mend. He can sit at his computerised balance sheet and declare this business to be unviable without having to worry where the next teat for the lamb-feeding bottle is coming from.

When I put the rams in with the ewes this autumn and they enthusiastically dislodge the coloured wax crayons from the harness they carry on their chests to show which ewes they have covered, where do I now go for an urgent replacement? Shall I, perhaps, invite the official receiver round and strap *him* to the rams with a felt-tip pen in his fist so that he can tick off the ewes as the rams go about their duty?

More seriously, it has always been argued that the decline in the number of village shops has been largely due to the influence of agriculture which, through high mechanisation, has reduced its workforce to such a low level that villages simply do not have sufficient permanent residents to sustain shops and post offices, even pubs.

But when farming has made itself so efficient that there are not even enough farmers left to support a farm supplies shop, we have reached a really worrying state of affairs.

Batting well at one hundred not out

Cricketers worldwide have stood at the crease using bats made from willow grown by an Essex firm

OLIVER TICKELL

The hundred year history of J. S. Wright & Sons has not been entirely without its upsets. The 1987 gales, for example, wiped out overnight 20,000 cricket bat willows in Essex alone — enough for nearly four years' production.

More serious still was the attempted introduction of an aluminium cricket bat by Dennis Lillee, in the 1979 England vs Australia test match in Perth.

"Mike Brearley was captain, and he said the aluminium bat was damaging the ball," recalls Carlton Wright, the company chairman, who joined it in 1930 as a 17-year-old. "I always thought Brearley was the best skipper in the world after he refused to continue with that bat. He did us a good turn."

Aluminium bats, at least, are one danger that will not return. The laws of cricket were updated the following year, says the MCC's assistant curator Glenys Williams, to include a stipulation that "the blade of the bat shall be made of wood". And there's no wood quite like willow.

Not many cricketers know it, but chances are that their bat is made from willow planted, felled and worked by Wright's into "sawn blades" — the willow blanks, 2ft 4in long, that they sell on to bat makers. "Every one of the world's top cricketers must have used some of our willow," Mr Wright says.

With 210,000 blades — two-thirds of world production — shipped off last year from Wright's yard at Great Leighs in Essex to bat makers in England, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and Pakistan, his is no idle claim. Last year, it seems, was a record year. And what of 1994? "Stocks are on the low side but production is up, so we must be doing very well," he says.

The business began with a chance encounter in a public house near Chelmsford, between a 17-year-old builder by the name of Jesse Wright, Mr Wright's father, and one Montague Odd, who was touring Essex by bicycle buying cricket bat willow. Young Jesse helped out, learnt the ropes, and, within two years, gave up building and went full time into the willow business. The year was 1894.



A trunk is split into blades

In the old days, the trees were cut into sections and split into clefts where they were felled. Now, whole trunks are transported to the yard for processing. But the willow rounds are still split by hand with wooden wedges. Attempts to mechanise that job are dismissed by Mr Wright as "most unsatisfactory".

A proper sense of time also persists at Wright's, with the sawn blades gently dried at 85F-90F for eight weeks. "You must give it time," says Mr Wright, "or you'll end up with all sorts of trouble." He ought to know. Since 1956, his job has been the all-important sorting of blades into 20 grades as they emerge from the drying sheds.

"It is the most fascinating job," he says. "You'd be amazed how seldom you get two alike. You can grade all day, 1,500 bats, and there is a difference in every one. When you're going through first class timber with a lovely grain, it's really a great pleasure. I'm 81 now and I hope to go on for a good few years."

The highest grade of blade is pure white, with a straight, even grain. The tiniest knot or streak of darker coloured wood will force it down a grade, even though, as Mr Wright says, "it's of no detriment to driving the ball, which is what it's all about when all is said and done".

Other blades have more severe defects, such as large knots or splits, which might force them to be cut down to boys' size.

The other side of the business is ensuring the long-term continuity of willow supply. Mr Wright says: "We plant more than two trees for every one we fell. I think that's why we have lasted 100 years, because we have always concentrated on the planting."

The company has three full-time felling gangs, two of which have been with the company for more than 30 years. Last year, Wright's felled 5,500 trees but planted 12,000. And it is always looking out for new planting land. The ideal site, Mr Wright says, is near a river bank, 3ft above the water table, with the trees planted ten yards apart to give the crown plenty of space to spread.

The company's own plantations range along Essex's meandering rivers, with the Chelmer, Blackwater and Braine valleys "a mass of willows", Mr Wright says. "The valleys are absolutely beautiful, especially in the spring, but if it wasn't for the willows they wouldn't look half as well."

Increasingly, Wright's own willows are no longer used to make bats, but are pollarded to supply 20ft poles that are planted out on farms and estates from Devon to Yorkshire. Pushed into the ground during winter, they will grow roots in the spring and develop into new trees. After 18 years or so, the tree should have a 64in girth and a 10ft length of trunk clear of side branches. The trunk should produce 32 blades, and earn the landowner a profit of £100-£120.

As for future prospects, "I hope we can keep it going for another 100 years," says Mr Wright's grandson Jeremy, newly appointed a director, who started helping out on the felling gangs and learning about blade grading when he was still at school. "As long as England keep on winning — or start winning — we'll be all right."

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Carlton Wright, 81, casts an eye over the willow. Each blade has to be carefully graded

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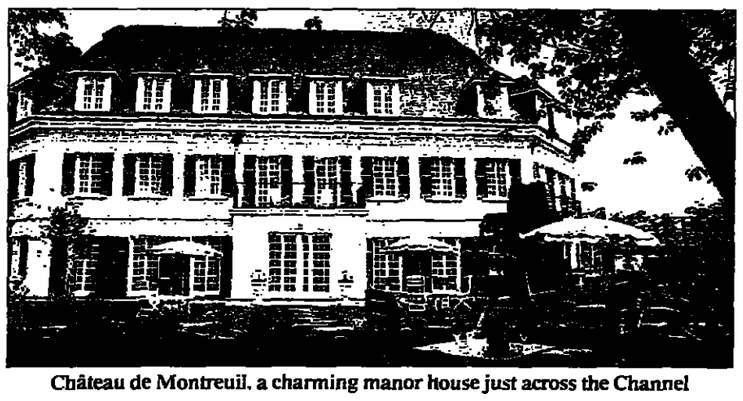
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Flying into the terrible teens

FEATHER REPORT

AUGUST is the teenage month for birds. There are millions of juveniles lurking in the foliage or in the heather, or floating out on the sea, all of them just about to moult and assume the feathers of adulthood.

Most of them spend a certain amount of time with the adults before they become independent. But in one or two species, they never have any contact with their parents after they have left the nest. Young swifts suddenly fly out from under the eaves where they grew up, and young puffins leave their burrows at night — and their parents come back with food for them, only to find that they have gone for ever.

However that is not the typical pattern. By contrast, young sand martins learn to recognise the individual voices of their parents before they leave the holes in the sandbanks where they spend their first days of life. If they did not do that, they would never find their parents in the swirl of birds around the quarry — and they need them, because they are not yet ready to feed themselves.

Just now you can find many families of birds still together in the trees. Thin cries in the tops of the limes and the poplars reveal a little party of spotted flycatchers. They are summer visitors that arrive later than other birds, and in most cases the second brood has only just flown. Sometimes they move off to a churchyard, where you can see the adults and the young all sitting on separate gravestones, darting out for flies.

Goldfinches have two or even three broods in a year, so there are plenty of family parties of those about. The young birds chase their parents through the sky, making loud, bell-like twitters, and when they all land in a hawthorn bush, the youngsters flap their gold-barred wings like mad to encourage their parents to produce some insects. It is like a small electric storm among the ripening berries.

The young goldfinches lack the brilliant red, white and black faces of their parents — and indeed many young birds have comparatively dull plumage. It has been suggested that this protects them if they stray into another territory. Male territory holders attack intruders that have the full adult plumage. Robins, for instance, attack other robins with red breasts — but they are indifferent to the spotty brown breasts of juvenile robins.



Flycatcher: second brood has flown

Not many of the young birds will survive. They are not very skilful at finding food or avoiding predators. The proof of that is that there will be virtually the same number of birds of any species left to breed in a year's time.

HOWEVER, the surviving youngsters of most of the smaller species will be mature by next year, and may even be fighting their parents for territory. Among larger species, the young may not be ready to breed for two or more years.

Next summer, for example, you may see brown-tinged black-headed gulls still drifting around city playing-fields. These will be first-summer birds who have not gone off to the bogs or beaches to nest because they are not yet ready. But fulmar petrels are the slowest to grow up of all the British species — they may take seven years. They are the eternal students of the bird world.

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A hot slice of mystery

Toast racks seem to be peculiar to Britain. But, says **Michael Hall**, nobody knows why they were first made

If you have a horror of conversation at breakfast, a characteristic of the English first noted in the 18th century, you will probably not be pleased to learn that the meal provokes eager discussion among historians of daily life.

When, for example, did cooked breakfasts become commonplace? Though a firm tradition by the Edwardian era, they were unknown a century earlier. Could they have been an importation from Scotland, where they were eaten by sportsmen setting out for a day's shooting?

And what about that other mystery: why was the toast rack invented? This question may never have been asked until two collectors of ceramics, Henry Crumpton and his wife, Margaret, turned their attention to toast racks.

When Mr Crumpton retired from the confectionery business three years ago, the couple moved into a smaller house, and discovered they did not have enough wall space to display their collection of 18th-century English porcelain. A chance purchase of a 1930s toast rack, which they intended to use on the table, suggested a new focus for their passion for ceramics. Instead of limiting themselves to a particular period or factory, the traditional concerns of collectors, they decided to concentrate on a single object.

Although there are many precedents for this type of collecting — books have recently been published on such topics as ceramic egg cups and cheese dishes — nobody seems to have concentrated on toast racks before. "Dealers often hint that they know other collectors," Mr Crumpton says, "but that could be just a way of keeping up the prices."

In little over two years the Crumptons have accumulated 360 racks, which crowd almost every shelf and windowsill in their house. These acquisitions have been accompanied by detailed research into the history of each piece. Many of the toast racks are unmarked, so their origin can be discovered only by the study of documents, which range from factory records to advertisements in Victorian periodicals.

The Crumptons discovered that toast existed for centuries before there were racks to put it in. In her book *English Bread and Yeast Cookery* (1977), the writer Elizabeth David quotes a 1617 reference to "buttered tostes". Yet the first metal toast racks were not made until the 1770s, and the earliest known ceramic example was made at Leeds in 1794.



Henry and Margaret Crumpton

Shortly before this, the most famous early account of the English fondness for buttered toast, was written by a Swiss tourist, Carl Moritz, who was describing a visit to this country in 1782: "There is a way of roasting slices of buttered bread before the fire which is incomparable. One slice after another is taken and held to the fire with a fork until the butter is melted, then the following one will be always laid upon it so that the butter soaks through the whole pile of slices. This is called 'toast'."

For Moritz, the charm of the dish was that the slices were piled high, so that they became sodden with butter: putting them in a rack would not have had the same result. So why did people start wanting *dry* toast, since the whole point of toast racks is to stop the slices becoming damp?

Mrs Crumpton wonders whether the development of the toast rack was connected with the growing popularity of marmalade, described as "that admirable viand" by James Boswell when he ate it for breakfast in 1763. Whatever the reason — and the Crumptons would like to hear from anybody who can throw light on the subject — toast racks proliferated.

Many of the early ceramic examples imitate the twisted wire forms of metal racks and must, therefore, have been fragile — one reason why they are scarce.

The two earliest examples in the Crumpton collection were made at Wedgwood in about 1820 and Spode in 1825. Both are elegant designs, in which the rack is mounted on a gondola-shaped dish, which catches the crumbs. Later 19th-century examples in the collection have racks formed either of open arches or flat panels pierced with holes. By the 1920s and 1930s these perforations were frequently omitted, with regrettable consequences for those who like their toast crisp.

Ceramic toast racks had their heyday in the 1930s, when they were made in every shape from cabbages to cottages, and were included in miniature form on the "cabaret trays", sets of tableware intended for breakfast in bed.

Common refinements include the attachment of small bowls for butter and marmalade; some examples incorporate egg cups. Somewhat rarer are "broth sets", which consist of a ceramic tray with a covered bowl, toast rack and salt-and-pepper pots, presumably designed for use by invalids.

Although 1930s examples are common, collectors have to compete with enthusiasts for Art deco pottery, and so prices can be high, especially for well-known names such as Clarice Cliff, and the rare, marked examples from the 19th-century, which can cost up to £100. Such pieces are most likely to be found through dealers, but most of the Crumptons's 20th-century toast racks were found at antique fairs and rarely cost more than £10-£20.

Foreign-made racks are known, but they seem to have been made for the English market. Why racks are a largely English phenomenon remains a mystery.

Does it have something to do with the nature of English bread? Here, I am afraid, is the subject for yet another absorbing debate to interrupt the sacred silence of breakfast.

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CHARLOTTE WINN



Art deco toast racks from the Crumpton's collection. Top, from the Hancock factory; front row, both by Clarice Cliff



Above: Watcombe Motto Ware, circa 1920

Right: Carlton Ware Poppy, circa 1930



Salerooms

PREVIEW

☐ THE ultimate in bathrooms could be yours at **Bonhams** in Knightsbridge, London, today: a suite from the home of Elton John, with marble tops and gold taps in the form of dolphins is to be sold (£2,000-£3,000). Also on offer is the rattan hanging chair which starred with Elizabeth Taylor and Michael Caine in the 1971 film *Zee and Co* (£300-£400).

☐ A sale of clocks and watches at **Bonhams'** Chelsea showroom on Monday includes Rolex and Omega watches (£100-£150), and an early 19th-century grandfather clock marked "Jno Simpson, Lincoln" (£300-£500). Also on Monday, **Phillips** (Bath) offers three pairs of elegant Regency hall chairs at £300-£500 a pair, and a magnificent George III style Mahogany breakfront library bookcase at £8,000-£12,000.

☐ On Tuesday, **The Gallery in Cork Street**, London, displays furniture by 21 contemporary makers at prices from £25 to £12,000. Also on Tuesday, **Phillips** (London) holds its big summer sale, which features a large collection of Staffordshire figures, most estimated at £200 or below. On the same day, the **Bristol Auction Rooms** will offer a number of 17th-century Dutch paintings, including *Droving Cattle* by E. Verboeckhoven (£1,200-£1,800), and a collection of Toby jugs at £50-£200.

☐ An exhibition of British abstract painting at the **Flowers East Gallery**, London (until Sept 11), includes works from Gillian Ayres and Kate Whiteford. Prices from £2,400 to £100,000.

☐ A sale of books by **Y. Gelli** at Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire, on Friday includes a rare first edition of Thomas Hardy's *The Woodlanders* (estimate £600-£750).

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Expensive, elitist, hand-built silver and gold statuary is finding a new market

Little gems with a sense of humour

Despite the tradition in Britain for commissioning one-off commemorative pieces from silver and goldsmiths, some people might assume that beyond the fields of sporting trophies, film awards and the occasional coronet, the practice is today non-existent.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Since the 1950s, the commissioning of artefacts by individuals, as opposed to corporations and monarchies, has steadily increased. Demand is healthy enough to ensure that several specialist companies always have work in hand.

One of the reasons is that the fusty old notions have been blown away. If, when you think of a commissioned silver sculpture, you see either some vast and limpen table centre depicting St George slaying the dragon, or a top-heavy loving cup sporting a couple of crossed cricket bats, think again.

Today's special projects are not only of fine quality but are inventive and tasteful, and can often be amusing. *Amusing?* Expensive, elitist, hand-built and unique silver statuary *amusing?* Yes, and none more so than that by Theo Fennell, who has a showroom in Fulham Road, west London.

Mr Fennell is devoted to silver, gold and precious stones (his daughter is named Emerald). He has been designing jewellery for for more than 20 years, and, in 1982, went into partnership with Lord Bruce Dundas. They will make anything in gold, silver or a combination of both. "We have been asked for some rather bizarre things," Mr Fennell says, "many quite unmentionable."

Among the less bizarre are a 10in gold and silver saxophone with working keys, and a film studio set comprising a folding director's chair, tripod camera, megaphone, clapperboard and a bottle of Château Margaux 1955. The company has even made a pair of 18in Purdey shotguns, perfect in every way. "We could have made them fire," Mr Fennell says, "but for that we would have needed a gun licence."

To see the models is to believe them: a thoroughbred horse in silver, nearing completion, has a glossy-looking coat, burnished saddle and a brittle mane. The horse blanket appears to be woven and the hoof-printed base seems to be of soft earth. Tiny silver golf clubs appear to be of steel and wood, and the silver zippered bag has the grain of leather. Prices of such one-offs range from £1,000 to £100,000.

Mr Fennell has made to order a 12in-scale model of Paul McCartney's Hofner bass guitar, a 12-piece drum kit, Wellington boots, a charlady, a coffin and a life-sized Pepsi-Cola can in solid gold.

Other interesting items available in the shop include: salt and pepper cruets in the form of cowboy boots, fetishistic lace-up boots, stiletto-heeled legs, and green Wellies; a bathroom suite condiment set (including bidet); and mustard pots in the form of a woman's stockinged and suspendered lower torso.

Another inventive gold and silversmith is Gerald Benney, who has a showroom in Knightsbridge, west London. He has been in business for nearly 45 years and holds four royal warrants (Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales). His designs are mostly modern. One of his more startling is an 18-carat gold Commonwealth mace, commissioned by the Royal Anniversary Trust and presented to the Queen. The mace is entwined with all the Commonwealth flags, each hand enamelled. "There are five kilos of gold in that," he says. "Fortunately, the Queen has a mace-bearer."

Blending enamel with silver is one of Mr Benney's hallmarks, as can be seen in such designs as a cross commissioned by Lichfield Cathedral, and some pill boxes, whose strafed sides are echoed in glowing enamel tops alive with coloured sunbursts.

Also made to commission are humbler beakers and bowls selling for £200-£300.

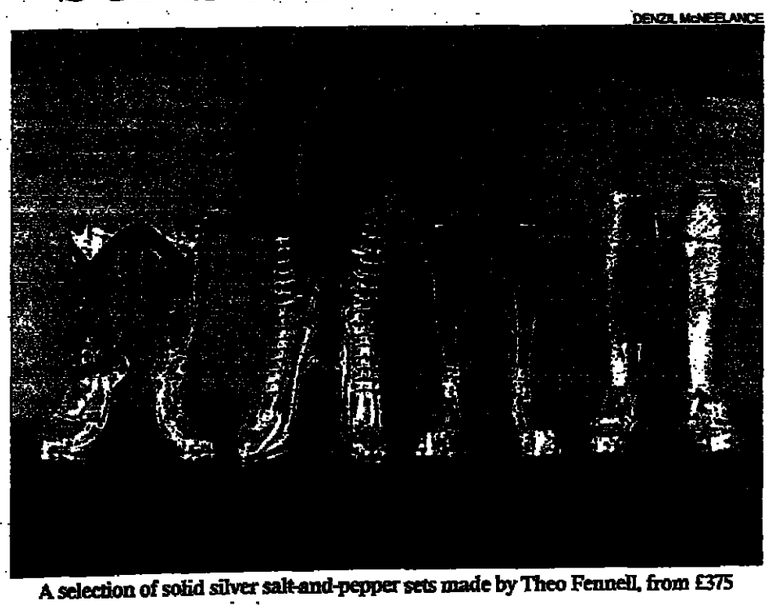
Mr Benney, too, has been asked to make some strange things: "About 30 years ago, when I had a workshop in Tottenham Court Road, a man came in saying he needed a silver casket that once closed could never be opened, and that on the lid there had to be a lizard. The lizard had to have ruby eyes. And the casket had to be ready in two days. It was, but when he came to collect it, and paid a huge sum for it, he said it was no longer needed. Then, last year, the casket came up for sale at Sotheby's. Even though I'm the only man in the world who knows how to open that casket, no one has approached me yet."

When we met, Lord Dundas was just off to Singapore to secure an order for 300 solid gold door handles for a yacht; Mr Fennell has just been commissioned to fashion a silver prostate gland. Nobody could say a silversmith's life is dull.

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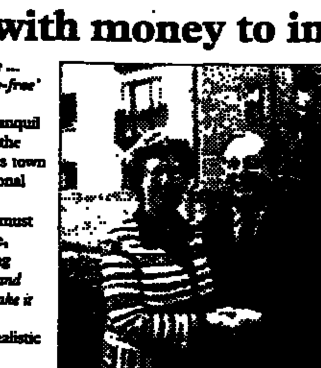
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Builders are discovering that thatch has a place on modern housing estates

Thatchers bring the country into the town

The first sight of John Burke's craftsmanship as a thatcher comes as a surprise. The beautiful reed roof he is working on does not crown a cottage nestling alongside a village green in traditional thatch territory, but sits prominently on a modern house in the middle of a huge building site in Blackpool. The roof is not quite complete and piles of straw-coloured reeds, bound in identical-size bundles, lie incongruously amid the confusion of concrete mixers, dumper trucks and stacks of bricks.

The property is a new four-bedroom, country manor-style detached house. Its 2,300sq ft of roof will take four thatchers three weeks to complete and account for between £10,000 to £15,000 of the sale price of £250,000. The house is one of four on the Heron's Reach development of 400 houses to be thatched, a feature chosen by builder, Fairclough Homes, to add character to the estate.

Stephen Parkinson, the managing director of Fairclough Homes North West, says: "People are attracted to living in a thatched house, but they often want everything that comes with a modern home as well. Our research shows that people pay much more attention to design today and we try to create individual properties within an estate, without allowing the thatched roof to dominate."

Mr Burke, a fourth-generation thatcher who lives in a thatched house himself, learned his trade by renovating existing thatch or replacing original roofs which had been covered with a different material. He works mainly with reeds imported from Europe, in place of the diminishing supply of traditional Norfolk reed, which has been affected by pollution and recent conservation restrictions.

He believes there is a place for thatch on a development of new houses. "For many people it's a dream to live in a thatched house," he says. "And I know a lot of others who, though they would not choose a thatched roof for themselves, would love to live opposite one."

Mr Burke, who has thatched everything from a dog kennel to a school, thatched the new home chosen by David England, a farmer, and his wife Julie at Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire. Completed more than two years ago, their roof has mellowed from a its original straw colour to a twig-like dark brown. The big modern house has a roof which reaches down, cottage-style, to form upstairs "eyebrow" windows.

The thatch overhangs the roof to allow for water drainage, in place of the gutters and drainpipes of a tiled roof. In even the heaviest rain, Mr Burke says, the water runs off a thatched roof. Mrs England, a retirement education consultant, says: "When it has been raining you either need an umbrella or to make a quick dash under the overhang, otherwise you get dripped on." But neither this, nor the big spiders spotted on the roof, count as disadvantages for her.

"I like the look of the thatch and I've tried to furnish the house and design the garden to fit in with it," she says. A winding path, bordered by flowers to the front door and a flourishing cottage garden area at the back, are evidence of this.

"Everyone admires the thatch and it does keep the house very warm," Mrs England says. "But I don't want it to look contrived."

The Englands, whose garden adjoins their farmland, moved into the £250,000 house from a 200-year-old farmhouse. "We had to call the new house The Farmstead, because we now live here in-stead," Mrs England says.

Builders began to consider thatching new houses during the property boom of the 1980s. The recession called a halt to this, but new-build thatch is now returning.

Jonathan Gledhill, a developer, has already sold one of the three thatched houses he is building on a site at Scackleton in North Yorkshire, midway between York and Malton. "The site used to be a farm and when I saw the view it seemed to cry out for thatch," he says. "The stone and the roof covering blend perfectly with the environment and yet the houses have all the benefits of a new and modern design."

The popular worries about thatched roofs, that they constitute a fire hazard and cause difficulties with insurance companies, have been mainly dispelled. Thatch can be treated with chemical fire retardants or laid on top of a barrier foil firebreak. Specialist insurance companies have always offered cover for thatched houses and now many mainstream insurers will offer a protection package.

The lifespan of new thatch is a minimum of 50 years — Mr Burke removed an 80-year-old bundle of thatch intact from one building — but maintenance is, if anything, more important than with a tiled roof. If you have open fires, the chimneys must be swept regularly and checked for cracks; central heating systems and wiring must be well maintained and the thatch itself must be frequently inspected for damage, moss, birds' nests, and plants trying to take root: a small buddleia may look attractive but it will do the thatch no good at all.

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John Burke (in white hat) and his team thatching the roof of a modern four-bedroom house on a new estate in Blackpool. "For many people it's a dream to live in a thatched house," he says

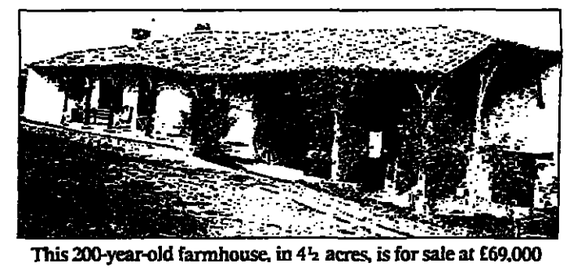


The Englands outside their home

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THE *département* of Lot-et-Garonne, south of the Dordogne in southwest France, is a rich agricultural area famous for its fruit and vegetables, particularly plums *(pruneaux d'Agen)* which grow in profusion on either side of the gently flowing river Garonne.

A 200-year-old restored farmhouse (pictured right), on high ground with beautiful, far-reaching views over open countryside, near the village of Monclar, is for sale at FFr380,000 (about £69,000). The old riverside town of Villeneuve-sur-Lot is ten miles away and the international airport at Bordeaux can be reached by car in about 90 minutes. Allow at least eight hours for the drive from Calais.

The farmhouse has been sympathetically renovated and retains many of its original features, including low beamed ceilings and open stone fireplaces. The accommodation comprises a living room (300sq ft), kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and WC. The property includes an attached open-fronted barn and 4½ acres of garden and meadowland.

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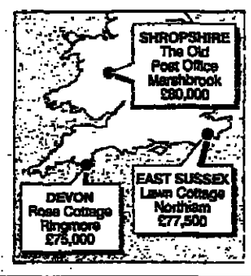


Shropshire: The Old Post Office, Marshbrook, Craven Arms. Grade II listed, semi-detached period cottage in good decorative order, with a garden. Two bedrooms, bathroom, two reception rooms and kitchen. About £80,000 (GA Property Services, 0588 672468).



Devon: Rose Cottage, Ringmore, near Kingsbridge. Restored character cottage in an unspoilt village, a mile from the sea. Two bedrooms, bathroom, sitting room, kitchen/dining room and utility room. Rear garden and parking for two cars. About £75,000 (Marchand Petit, 0548 857588).

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East Sussex: Lawn Cottage, Main Street, Northiam. Grade II listed, semi-detached cottage, with exposed beams and inglenook fireplace. Two bedrooms, bathroom, sitting/dining room, breakfast room, kitchen. About £77,500 (GA Property Services, 0797 252366).

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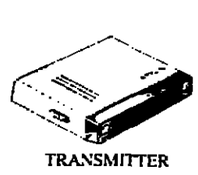
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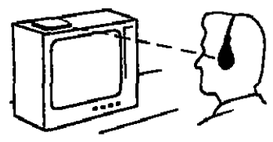
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Cormac McCarthy: second in a trilogy

Erica Wagner finds herself lagging behind in 'The Crossing', an overloaded kind of 'Pilgrim's Progress' for the American West

Rites of passage on Mexico's border

■ THE CROSSING
By Cormac McCarthy
Picador, £14.99

THIS is the second volume of Cormac McCarthy's Border Trilogy, books which, up until this point, are united not by a recurring cast of characters but by their setting.

Both *All The Pretty Horses* and *The Crossing* are set in that no-man's land of the Mexican-American border, a long desolate line stretching below Texas and New Mexico. It is a place somehow removed from the rest of the world, where random acts of great kindness and terrible violence exist side by side. Most of all, it is a land where boys become men.

The Crossing is the story of Billy Parham, 16 years old when we first encounter him and living on a ranch in Hidalgo County, New Mexico, in the years just before the Second World War. His crossing of the Mexican border — made three times — will be his rite of passage, each stage fraught with fear and pain.

The Western form has always carried a great burden of symbolism: black hats and white hats, the individual conscience struggling against the temptation of outlawry, like Christ in the wilderness. In many ways McCarthy abandons these conventional forms, and this is one of his great strengths: the first section of the novel, where Billy, for no better reason than it is the way his blood pulls him, takes the side of a she-wolf against those who would trap and kill her, is particularly powerful. McCarthy strives to find his own symbols, to create a kind of *Pilgrim's Progress* for the American West. The problem with this novel is that the striving shows through. McCarthy's writing, usually distinguished by its clean and bitter clarity, here often seems as if it will split its seams, so great a burden is it forced to carry.

One of the joys of *All The Pretty Horses* is the way meaning flows so smoothly into action. Here, meaning is laboriously given to action, as when Billy's father sets a trap for the wolf: "Like a man bent at fixing himself someway in the world. Bent on trying by arc or chord or space between his being and the world that was. If there could be such a space. If it be knowable."

There is much of this. Clearly it is this space, between being and the world, that McCarthy wishes to explore. This is the real border of the novel and it is this that Billy Parham must cross. But Billy, like John Grady Cole before him, is intelligent without being introspective, and it is this lack which is both a blessing and a curse. A blessing when action becomes the perfect expression of unspoken emotion, as it does at the end of the novel, and a curse in the long middle stretches when Billy and his brother Boyd encounter characters upon whom McCarthy imposes meaning with a branding-iron of convoluted prose.

Cormac McCarthy is a wonderful writer, and it would be an injustice to his skills to wish he were simply a spinner of fine yarns. He is far more than that, yet this book is an effort rather than a joy, and for all the affection I felt for Billy Parham, I had to try hard to keep up with him. *The Crossing* is like a river in spate: beautiful and dangerous and muddy. And yet I will wait for the final volume of this trilogy, hoping that the stream may have cleared and calmed.

AUDIO BOOKS

Poetry, pranks, partners

■ TELL ME THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE: TEN POEMS
By W.H. Auden
Read by John Hannah
Random House Audio Books, £3.99

THE film *Four Weddings and a Funeral* has done more for the appreciation of W.H. Auden than a thousand poetry readings, or a year of documentaries from the likes of Robert Robinson, who tend to cloak the work in the muslin of intellectual toadyism. This release is just 16 minutes long and its reader, John Hannah, gave the funeral oration in the film. I doubt if "Tell Me The Truth About Love" will ever be better read. I found these readings curiously relaxing. Auden has written the best love poems in the English language. The rest of us need not bother.

■ JUST WILLIAM VOLUMES I-I
Read by Martin Jarvis
BBC Radio Collection, £7.99

■ WILLIAM STORIES AND MORE WILLIAM STORIES
Read by Kenneth Williams
Argo, £7.99
All by Richmal Crompton

THE re-release of the late Kenneth Williams's interpretation suffers badly against Martin Jarvis's recent radio recordings. Williams throws all his funny voices into the mix, no vowel is left unturned. Miss Crompton's glorious creation, William, has no need of such gloss or campery. He stands for ever as an icon of schoolboy mischief: William will always speak for himself. Martin Jarvis offers a far lighter touch, though even his voice for William's arch enemy, Hubert, is made to sound like that of the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie. An outright win here for the Jarvis gang.

■ A SUITABLE BOY
Written and read by Vikram Seth
Argo, £9.99

IF you've been daunted by the 1,400 pages of this blockbuster, then the six-hour reading by the author may be for you. It is a compelling story that draws you slowly into the intricacies of Indian life with its caste system and religious divides and search for identity. Essentially it is a love story — a "suitable boy" is the match sought for Lata by her unforgiving mother. Though Mr Seth reads his own words carefully and with feeling, I think an actor would have brought another dimension to the text. Nonetheless an immense and sensitive work and well worth its bestseller status.

RUSSELL TWISK

An imprint on society

Giles Gordon on the publishing house with the mouth-watering prospectus

One of the glories of our culture is the private press, that idiosyncratic, aesthetically driven breed of publishing house including Gregynog, Golden Cockerell, Douglas Cleverdon, Nonesuch. Before the Second World War, it produced luscious limited editions of great texts in great editions, often with glorious illustrations. Among the finest are Cleverdon's *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* with David Jones's engravings, GCP's *Four Gospels* with Eric Gill's black, black decorations, and Eric Ravilious's sepia engravings for the same press's serene *Twelfth Night*.

On my desert island, I would regard as an essential object not just *a* book, even the text I most covet (it might be *Tristram Shandy*), but a *beautiful* book, indeed *the* book beautiful. If a text is worth reading it is particularly worth reading and possessing in a lovingly produced edition.

The Folio Society was set up almost half a century ago (1947) by Charles Ede to celebrate this belief and to make great books available at a tithe or less of the cost of the grand private press titles. Golden Cockerell's Francis Meynell pontificated on the Folio Society's 21st birthday that its "outstanding feature has been its influence on the democratisation of the fine edition".

Those of us who have known its publications tend to take it for granted. Like Penguin Books or Everest, it is always there. There is even a school of thought (or thoughtlessness), to which I have on occasion belonged, which regards its publications as somewhat naff, recherché, déclassé, slightly precious.

Note the "slightly": private press publications were never *slightly* precious, being manufactured in editions of, usually, a very few hundred copies. At its dullest, Folio has been this, with absurd bindings and typography, but mainly it has produced many a magnificent volume, largely because of the quality of illustrations by the likes of Michael Ayrton, Mervyn Peake, Eric Fraser, Elisabeth Frink, John Hassall, Nigel Lambourne and, especially, Edward Bawden. Pauline Rego's sinister (certainly not for children) etchings to *Peter Pan*, together with Andrew Birkin's instructive introduction make the Folio edition of Barrie's play (1992) a particular triumph.

It has produced fine, distinguished, elegant, handsome, collectable (all those Georgian adjectives) editions of Shakespeare, Jane Austen, Dickens, the Brontës, Hardy, and is particularly pleased with the overrated Trollope, whose novels continue to pour out from Folio, two per annum. It uses middle-brow, middle-of-the-road critics (Frank Delaney is a favourite) to provide slightly gushing, rather than scholarly, introductions. Yet, to those who "love books", it is a thrilling imprint.

Yes, it is a book club. Yes, you have to join. No, the new titles may not be bought in bookshops. Membership merely entails purchasing a minimum of four titles a year from a list of, at any time, over 100. It strikes me as an error that, in the mouth-watering prospectus, it isn't indicated whether a book published some years back is still available in its first printing rather than in an umpteenth reprint. Those confronted with the prospectus, those addicted, find it hard to restrict themselves to four titles.

Folio is undergoing an *annus mirabilis*. Its cool, inspired editorial director, Sue Bradbury, suggests that this is at least in part because readers and would-be book buyers are bemused by the inefficiencies and antics of publishers, confused by the throat-cutting wars between the bookselling chains. The Folio Society provides publishing stability.

Because members commit themselves a year ahead, Folio can to a considerable degree print to order. The prospectus for 1995 is available, and many goodies it contains, including *Don Quixote* with drawings by Quentin Blake, Maeterlinck's classic *The Life of the Bee*, Delacroix's *Journals* introduced by Brian Sewell, and *The Wind in the Willows* with an introduction by Alan Bennett and full-blooded paintings by James Lynch. There is also history, and titles from the "byways" of literature, which have always appealed to members.

The books cost little more than the indifferent outpourings of the commercial presses, precisely because the Society has its subscribers. Membership has doubled in the last five years, and is now 70,000; 11,500 joined last year alone. Because of expansion, the offices have moved to 44 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AP.

The minimum printing of a new title (one is published each month, and there are many "extras") is an astonishing 7,500, and prices start from £14.95, the average being well below £20. The highest sale to date is 16,000 for a selection of short stories from the *Strand* magazine. The Folio Society is far from being merely a reprinter of hackneyed titles. It is one of our leading imprints.



Quality illustrations — here Bacchus by Frink for *The Odes of Horace* — set the Folio Society apart

Beauty and the beastly mother

■ PASSING PLACES
By Amanda MacAndrew
Century, £16.99 hdbk
Arrow, £5.99 ppbk

THE trials and tribulations of ugly duckling adolescents often preoccupy novelists.

Reaching back to the acute agonies of embarrassment, rage, love, hatred, despair, and spots, 14-year-old misery is fertile territory for writers drawing on some of the most poignant moments in their lives.

Andrea Innes is a painfully plain, podgy, spotty, tongue-tied untalented lump, suffering under the constraints of deathly respectable Edinburgh middle-class life at the start of the 1960s.

Her mother is a killer of all around her, and she dislikes her daughter for being plain, but deliberately keeps her so to prevent her becoming beautiful.

It's a funny, charming, touching book, so firmly anchored in time, place and class, you can smell the antimacassars, and feel the pinch of Playtex girdles.

It is the Edinburgh texture in part that lifts this book above many others of similar theme.

Also, as a first novel by a woman of 47, it casts a mature eye over proceedings.

This is not one of those angry revenge and self-pity numbers young writers are tempted to indulge in. It is very funny, and although most of the adults are horrible, they are pitiable too, each trapped in their own small tragedies.

Gentle wit and perception, razor-sharp characterisation, a keen ear for natural speech cadences, Amanda MacAndrew displays all these, with just a taste of Joanna Trollope, Mary Wesley and Barbara Pym (and just a hint, sometimes, of Sue Townsend farce).

She is undoubtedly a gifted writer. The problem for her, as for those other luminaries, will be to continue to find subjects, themes, and ideas worthy of the technical skill of her pen.

The English (or in this case Scottish) is all very well, but often one longs for her to reach for the big picture, the grand theme.

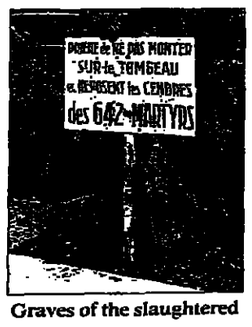
Wry observation takes you a long way, but not to the heart of the matter.

Unfair criticism, perhaps, with which to welcome a newcomer of immense potential, and it will be fascinating to see which path she eventually takes with her next novels.

POLLY TOYNBEE

Village that died for SS gold

■ ORADOUR: MASSACRE & AFTERMATH
By Robin Mackness
Bloomsbury, £5.99



Graves of the slaughtered

ON a warm day in June 1944, a squad of SS men drove into the French village of Oradour-sur-Glane, near Limoges, and shot or burnt to death all but a handful of its inhabitants — altogether 642 men, women and children. No one has ever understood why they did it — until almost 40 years later when Robin Mackness got involved in an attempt to smuggle some gold from France into Switzerland.

He was working for a Swiss bank, and went to Toulouse to meet a mysterious "M. Raoul" who would give him the gold. But he wanted first to know where it came from. Sitting in the Sofitel Hotel over breakfast, Raoul told him — or so he claims — the whole story.

Raoul said he had worked for the French Resistance in the war, and in June 1944 was on a mission to blow up a railway bridge in order to hinder the movement of German troops to Normandy.

Instead, on a lonely road near Oradour, he was obliged to blow up a small German convoy. Everyone except him was killed. In the debris he found 30 boxes of gold. He abandoned the mission and carried the boxes off.

The gold was the post-war insurance policy of a group of SS officers — who were sure it had been taken to Oradour. They killed the villagers so that there would be no witnesses, then razed the village in their search for the treasure — and found nothing.

Mackness tells both his stories well. He describes vividly the corrupt, twilight world where the French Customs battle it out with money-smugglers, and his own grim experiences — he went to prison — after the Customs stopped his car with the gold in it. Then he re-creates sharply and movingly the story of the SS and Oradour.

But he has no evidence for any of it. We have only his word to go on — and he only had the word of Raoul, who died of cancer in 1984, the year that Mackness came out of jail. Questions rise irresistibly in the mind — such as how did Raoul manage to tell him all that over breakfast?

However, Professor M.R.D. Foot, historian of the Special Operations Executive, has called the book "an awesomely simple explanation of a famous puzzle", and like other historians has been unable to find any flaws in it. The novelist, John Fowles, has written an enthusiastic introduction to the book. There is no getting away from the fact that, truth or not, it is a very exciting read.

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Derwent May reviews the critics

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3/5 **Major novelist?**: Most of the reviewers did not know what to do with *Major Major*, the memoirs of the Prime Minister's older brother, Terry Major-Ball (Duckworth, £12.95). Terry may have been a simple man with a simple story to tell, but he seemed far too nice to be nasty to. At the same time, they did not want to patronise him — all of them, that is, except Auberon Waugh, who heaped praise wildly on him in *The Sunday Telegraph*: "quite easily the nicest man alive . . . brimming over with affection, loyalty, quiet humour . . . the sort of Englishman we all thought had been extinguished in the Great War". However, Waugh also wondered slily if Terry was not just "taking us for a ride".

Another strategy was to pretend it was all fiction. In *The Times*, Ian McIntyre declared that the book was a "picaresque novel", with "a rich blend of character, incident and philosophic reflection". He especially took to "Miss Fink, library supervisor in Worcester Park, who had long manicured nails and smoked Passing Cloud cigarettes", and he valued the "tips on how to fry an egg in a microwave". The book would prove to be a "masterpiece of propaganda" for John Major — "the *Mein Kampf* for his classless society".

In *The Observer*, John Naughton more scornfully identified it as "as a brilliant spoof by John Wells". If that was right, John Wells gave himself an extravagant puff in *The Evening Standard*, calling it "one of the great comic books of the year, or of any year" and hailing Terry as "not so much Pooter as Saint Pooter".

The only reviewer to take the book at face value and praise it with apparent sincerity was Andrew Barrow in *The Spectator*: it was "a magnificent record of life in leafy and not-so-leafy surburbia . . . the story of an unusual family who somehow retained their stability and happiness in spite of an almost perpetual onslaught of misfortune", while the "links and curious contrasts" between Terry's life and John's gave it a "rather eerie depth".
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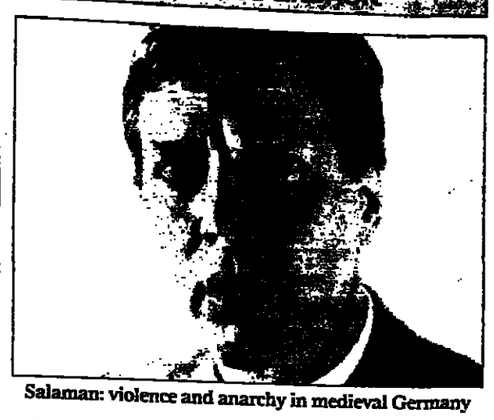
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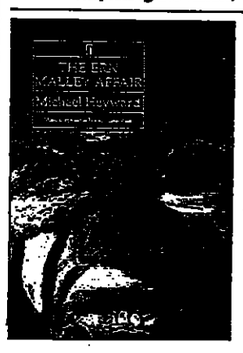


Salaman: violence and anarchy in medieval Germany

■ THE GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS
By Nicholas Salaman
Flamingo, £6.99
This book borrows the title of its subject: Hieronymus Bosch's extraordinary triptych, in the centre of which naked men and women frolic in an earthly paradise full of curious creatures and oversize fruit. The subject is set, however, in a very different world: the German city of Münster in the 1530s, where the Anabaptists, a sect of apocalyptic visionaries, have established a state of mystical anarchy.

Bosch has died, leaving his masterpiece finished save for a small area in the centre of the panel which depicts Hell. His pupil Julius Martena is left with the task of completing the vision, but to do so must first try to understand the picture's complex imagery. Julius's task would be simplified by taking a quick look around the city streets, where citizens who defy the prophets of doom are being publicly hanged, drawn and quartered. His thoughts, however, are with the heavenly Elisabeth, who takes him through the fabulous garden in his dreams.

Salaman's thundering novel brings alive the full violence, terror and passion of this tumultuous episode in German history. Unevenly paced and overextended at times, it nevertheless succeeds by memorably re-creating the contemporary state of mind and expressing it in brisk, idiomatic modern English.

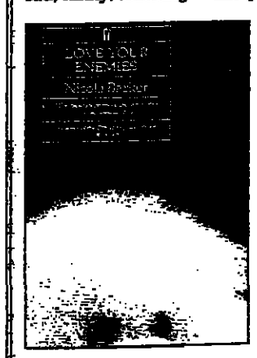


■ THE ERN MALLEY AFFAIR
By Michael Heyward
Faber, £7.99
In October 1943 Max Harris, editor of the *Australian literary magazine Angry Penguins*, received a package of poems from one Ethel Malley — the work, so she wrote, of her recently deceased brother Ern. Harris was bowled over, and devoted an issue of the magazine to Malley who, it soon emerged, was a hoax: the poems had been cooked up in an afternoon by two wicked young poets as a swipe at Harris and the pretensions of the Modern Movement. The farcical affair ruffled the world of letters and Ern's efforts elicited serious comment from the likes of Herbert Read and T.S. Eliot. Looking at them now it's hard to believe that anyone took them seriously.

■ A SUMMER AFFAIR
By Ivan Klima
Penguin, £6.99
In mid-career, an over-serious Prague biologist meets a pretty girl at a funeral. While his neglected wife dreams of the house they are saving up for, David becomes obsessed. On frivolous, manipulative, youthful Iva he spends all their savings, even taking her on a secret trip to London, where Iva's emptiness and his own folly overwhelm him. Unable to escape his passion, he ends up losing everything. A meticulous portrait of disintegration.

■ THE ERROL FLYNN NOVEL
By Geoff Nicholson
Sceptre, £5.99
A celebration of the life and work of Errol Flynn that subscribes to the view that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Not that Flynn's hedonistic lifestyle is easy to emulate, but charismatic gambler and film director Dan Ryan is determined to try, while at the same time making the ultimate Flynn movie. In fact he succeeds in being Flynn rather better than his leading actor, who as narrator of the book recounts the humiliation of unsuccessfully acting the part of a man far more interesting than himself. A witty reflection on the roles we choose to play in life.

■ MY FATHER'S GURU **By Jeffrey Masson**
HarperCollins, £5.99
Masson is well known as the American psychoanalyst who turned against his Freudian training and wrote a debunking book called *Against Therapy*. Here he describes his extraordinary upbringing under the influence of a likeable old fraud, Paul Brunton, who dominated the lives of Masson's family through a mixture of personal charisma, Eastern wisdom and New Age philosophy. During his most formative years Masson worshipped "PB", and it was only at Harvard that he saw through PB's pseudo-scholarship. A fascinating account of the making of an iconoclast which is sad, funny, touching — and pure Freud.



■ LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
By Nicola Barker
Faber, £5.99
A young woman swallows a tapeworm to make herself thin. Another insists on plastic surgery for her nose, despite reassurances from family and friends of her beauty. An Aids victim overwhelmed by the shallowness of his brief life, devotes his last weeks to carving a shimmering white coffin out of wood. Each of these finely crafted stories forms a parable about beauty — pointing up the misconceptions which cloud any search for it, and revealing our frequent blindness to it, even when it is staring us in the face. Barker's cheerful prose and latent optimism belie the semi biblical tone of a fine collection.



■ BREACH CANDY
By Luke Jennings
Vintage, £5.99
The teeming streets of Bombay provide the setting for this nostalgic, intermittently moving first novel. Haunted by lost time, June, a failed ballerina, and Stanley, a TV producer, meet at an expatriate club and, though they are wearily mistrustful of each other, their relationship quickly thrives and deepens. They have both been hurt — he by the betrayal of his girlfriend and the shocking death of his parents; she by her inability to conquer stage fright. But by showing kindness to others and submerging themselves in Indian life they are able, eventually, to find peace, and a kind of nobility.

● *Contributors: Alexander Ross, Hazel Leslie, Alison Burns, Helen Davidson, Jason Cowley*

Prepare for a fiery bouquet

Lesley Glaister's writing has always been something special — even from her first novel, says **Hilary Mantel**

IN Yorkshire, near Hebden Bridge, the Arvon Foundation owns a rambling stone farmhouse built on a sort of shelf in the side of a valley. Here, at intervals through the year, two professional writers and 16 hopefuls coincide for a working week.

In the summer of 1989, I was an Arvon tutor for the first time. I found it a strain: 16 strangers, some neurotic, some egotistic, some silent. Sensitivities were fresh and raw, ambition a gnawing wound: the food, however, was suitable for vegetarians. By mid-week I had eaten a lot of lentils and salad and read a lot of half-baked, limp, indigestible prose. I was dreaming of steak tartare, and of finding the real thing.

It was three in the morning when I rubbed my eyes and nailed my skittering attention to the final typescript in a pile. It was a short story about a woman who sets fire to her own house. I read the first paragraph, and sat up in shock, as if someone were striking matches under my nose. These were the right words, in the right order. The cool, precise manner of narration ran against the grain of the subject. I liked that. What I liked even more was hearing a voice I'd never heard before.

You couldn't, even then, describe Lesley Glaister's work as "promising". It was artful, finished, mature. The writer herself — a petite dark-haired woman, neat as a cat — seemed too young to have three sons, an MA, and a novel in her bag.

Time pressed, the week was passing. I read half a page of the novel, *Honour Thy Father*, guessed it wasn't just publishable but something special. It is not that I am especially perspicacious. It is that good writing has an absolute authority.

■ PARTIAL ECLIPSE
By Lesley Glaister
Hamish Hamilton, £14.99



Glaister: cool and precise

This first novel appeared in 1990, and won two prizes and critical esteem. It was followed by *Trick or Treat*, *Digging to Australia*, and *Limestone and Clay*. Lesley Glaister lives in Sheffield, away from the temptations that beset metropolitan writers. She is married to Robert Murphy, a writer and lecturer in film studies, and has two step-children. She teaches an MA course, and has now produced her fifth novel in five years.

Fire and water are the motifs of *Partial Eclipse* — the scouring and roaring elements, rippling and flaring between the lines. The central character is Jenny, the narrator of *Digging to Australia*, but the new novel is self-contained, and extends rather than continues the story.

Jenny is in prison, serving life. The nature of her crime is hidden until the end of the book, but we guess it involves her obsessive love for a married man. In her cell, the light is dim and the colours fungal. Women bite their arms to see the colour of blood.

Out of Jenny's starved, solitary imagination grows the story of her ancestor, Peggy Maybee, who was transported to Australia for a singular crime — the attempted theft of a peacock. "I used to wonder, did she steal it for its beauty, or for her dinner?"

Peggy's story, though it grows inside Jenny's head, has a vivid life of its own. The squalor and cruelty of shipboard life shackles both the convicts and their captors, "all equal in the immense waste of the ocean". A disaster overtakes the ship as it crosses the equator, and this disaster is like a violent eruption of the contents of the subconscious, where obsessions and nightmares burn through the surfaces of "normal" life.

The effect is the stronger because it is at the exact depiction of "normal" life that Lesley Glaister excels: Christmas dinner in a Pitlochry hotel, a bathroom that tells everything about its owners, the taste and texture of cauliflower boiled to pulp. Her eye for detail is uncanny and so is her power to put a sense-impression on the page. Where does this come from?

Despite her fluency, Lesley Glaister is the least complacent of authors. She has a repertoire of exercises, of techniques, which are as good for the experienced practitioner as they are for beginners; incorporating them into her writing day, she uses them to flex and refine her talent. Her work seems to come from a deep, inner resource, yet on the page it is immediate and accessible. Time after time she delivers the essentials: wit, humour, passion, suspense.

I am not reviewing this novel. I am simply recommending it and hoping that other readers will do as I did — open unprepared hands to receive a spiky, fiery bouquet.

Terror is the target

■ FALLEN ANGELS
By Eddy Shah
Doubleday, £14.99

WHO is serially assassinating important IRA terrorists? It doesn't appear to be the "loyalists". The British Government does not know who the perpetrators might be. The Americans could be involved. Possibly the SAS is responsible, without telling anyone; or an independent freelance death squad. The only clues are the obscure messages released after each "execution".

Doughty MI6 operative Sam Richardson is ordered to find out, with emotionally embittered CIA man Francis Duggan reluctantly in tow.

Eddy Shah's entertaining new thriller fizzes along between various bits of America, Dublin, Belfast and the Netherlands. The time is very much now, with the peace process in confusion and no apparent prospect of resolving the violence. There is, inevitably, tension between the two secret service men; much double-dealing and betrayal at all levels; a lot of bombing, killing, torturing and other violence; the usual ration of detail about the inner workings of the intelligence services and terrorist groups; and a mercifully limited dollop of bodily writhing. In other words, *Fallen Angels* is a formula thriller that follows the rules of the genre.

Shah's previous novels showed that he could tell a story. He is no great stylist, his characterisation tends to the superficial and he is not terribly good at describing emotion and sex. But he has researched his subject thoroughly, his feel for pace and tension is excellent, and the action is excitingly hard.

Do you want to turn the page to find out what happened next? Decidedly yes.

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Eddy Shah: formula thrills

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Only among the lions of Tanzania does Peter Marshall find the land of golden joys

Too little light in the dark continent

Brian Jackman follows the African travels of Peter Marshall

■ AROUND AFRICA
By Peter Marshall
Simon & Schuster, £12.99

HAVING grown up only a pebble's throw from Bognor Regis beach it was not surprising that Peter Marshall succumbed early to sea fever. Before he was 20 he had sailed around the world as a P&O cadet; but his wanderlust remained. So in 1992, with civil war raging in Somalia, Sudan, Angola and Mozambique, he set off in the wake of Vasco da Gama with the idea of circumnavigating Africa.

It was partly to be a voyage around himself: a spiritual quest of self-discovery. But above all he wanted to get under the skin of Africa, to dig through the daily headlines of pestilence, war and famine, and discover what lay beneath this vast, doomed continent.

Travelling aboard all kinds of vessels — container ships, cargo boats, dhows — he embarked on an 18,000-mile odyssey that took him seven months to complete.

Seasick and homesick, he arrived in Africa on board a Morrocan trawler. He set off with the words of the ship's engineer still ringing in his ears: "Be careful in Africa." It was a warning he was to hear in every port he visited.

After that it is downhill all the way. Dakar sets the pattern for Francophone Africa, where he is laid low by his first taste of Senegal's national dish of fish and rice.

West Africa, he soon discovers, is a crime-ridden world of mosquitoes, pot-holes and blatant corruption, home of the "mangemille" — thousand franc-eating policemen.

Everywhere, theft is a way of life. Even the containers on the ship taking him to Gabon are broken into in Abidjan.

In Cameroon, he listens to speeches by visiting British parliamentarians, praising the country's eco-politics, while all around him the giant rainforest trees are being logged to extinction.

After rounding the Cape of Good Hope, he arrives in Maputo to find Mozambique gripped by the worst drought in living memory. Even so, it is not the failure of the rains which has brought the country to its knees, but civil war.

Only in Zanzibar, where he sails on a dhow, and among the lions of Tanzania's Ngorongoro Crater, does he find perfect contentment. Here, at least, in the timeless world of the bush, Africa remains a land of golden joys.

In many way this is a dispiriting book. The agony of Africa seems unending. Its population of 450 million has tripled since the last century. Two-thirds of them are denied access to clean drinking water; and one in five live on imported food. No wonder they have the world's lowest life expectancy.

What began with the slave trade continued under the spread of the three Cs — Civilisation, Christianity and Commerce — and has become even worse under its post-colonial masters.

Yet at the end of his voyage, Marshall's love for Africa and its long-suffering people remains undiminished. In Africa, whatever the rotten state of politics, even in the heart of darkness there is light.

Betrayal in no-man's land

WHEN this book first came out, Pat Barker was much praised by one reviewer for "challenging some cherished myths of the First World War". Praise is due to this novel, but praise such as that is misplaced because, surely, 80 years after its outbreak, there aren't any myths left to be challenged about that war.

What could those myths be? That it was a just war? That the flower of European youth all had a wonderful time at the front? That there was no such thing as homosexuality in Britain's forces in 1914-18? That conscientious objectors were all treated well? I doubt if she thinks that her book is about subverting the non-myth that the First World War was a fine, wholesome experience for all concerned. One of her characters, Siegfried Sassoon, put the lie to that within a few years of the war's end.

■ THE EYE IN THE DOOR
By Pat Barker
Penguin, £5.99

What *is* the book about then? It is about betrayal, of the men at the front, by society, by the generals, by conscientious objectors, by each other, by their own experience. It is about how conventional masculine loyalty, sexuality and morality breaks down under extreme pressure. This is signalled in the first chapter, in a casual sexual encounter in London between two male soldiers.

The theme is continued in a dialogue between one of those soldiers, Prior, who has fought in France, and Mac, his childhood friend and mentor, who is a conchie on the run. Mac says: "There is no such thing [as *moral* courage]. In the end moral and political truths have to be proved on the body, because this mass of nerve and muscle and blood is what we are." Much of the rest of the story seeks to unravel the complexities of such a belief, to the point where, later, Prior says: "It's odd, isn't it? In spite of everything . . . it still seems the only *clean* place to be."

ROBERT CRAMPTON

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Laurie Taylor on the pecking order

Breaking class

DESPITE what I know from my own lectures about the extraordinary difficulties of defining class, I'm still as anxious as any other reasonable British citizen to find out exactly where I stand.

Hadfield and Skipworth don't offer any easy answers. They'll only tell me where I am in the pecking order if I reveal my present income and investments, my occupation, my parents' education and careers, the type of house I live in, my preferred daily newspaper, radio station, clothes shop, car, drink, film star, and name for the "lavatory".

I fancied that I'd done rather well on their huge questionnaire but when I came to check the scores I'd fallen down badly by, among other things, selecting "settee" (nil points) instead of "sofa" (3) and putting down "soccer" (0) instead of "ballet" (3) as the career I'd most like a child of mine to pursue. Neither did I do as well as I might have done on drink where my choice of blended whisky (2) and real ale (0) as "favourite drinks" were well behind the five points for claret, Earl Grey tea, or port.

By the end I came up with a three-dimensional score (past, present and future) which disappointingly anchored me firmly in the "crowded middle ground occupied by millions of individuals".

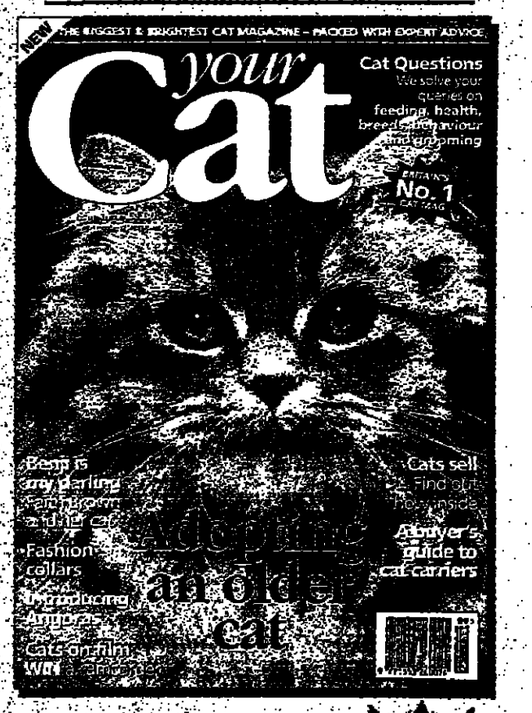
■ CLASS: WHERE DO YOU STAND?
By Greg Hadfield and Mark Skipworth
Bloomsbury, £9.99

As with the results of most questionnaires I've ever completed, this all seemed deeply un-illuminating and enough to arouse suspicions about the accompanying chapters.

But these prove unfounded. So intent are Hadfield and Skipworth upon persuading their readers that conceptions of class are far too limited that they pile up enough material on everything from choice of school to choice of area to live (keep well away from Stevenage) to make this an invaluable reference book.

Neither are they so preoccupied with matters of status as to overlook the growing gap between the very rich and the very poor in today's Britain, but they do insist that many of us now have much greater control over our class destiny than at any time in the past. They even claim that in the future class will not wither away but become a "means of liberation rather than incarceration". Someone should tell John Major.

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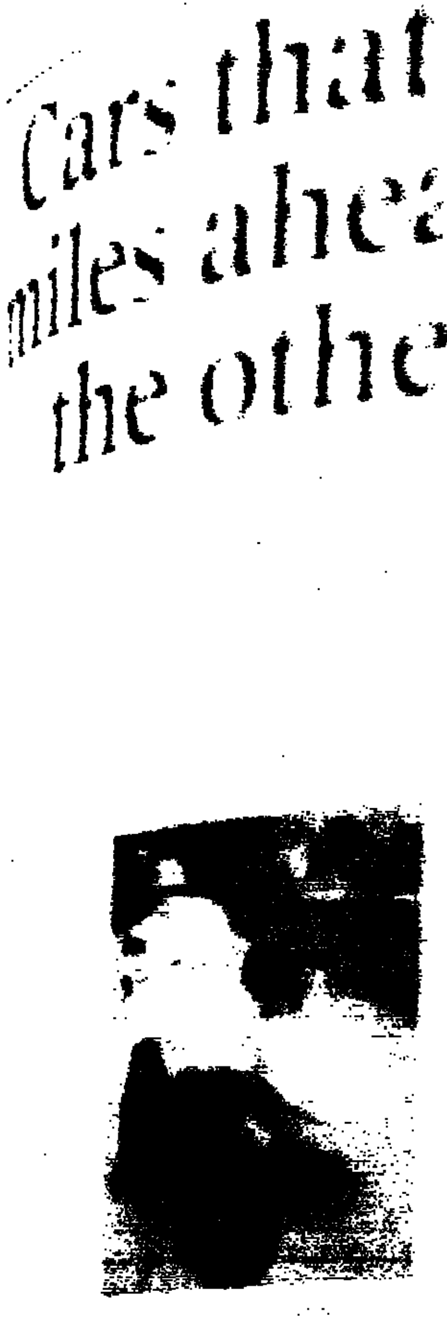
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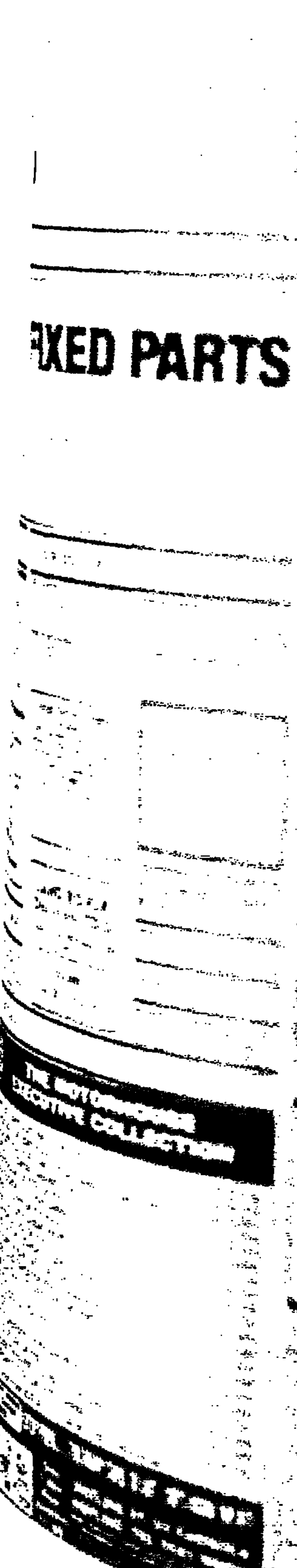
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Cars that are miles ahead of the others

As his boxy, blue and somewhat worn Volvo saloon approaches half a million miles, Ron Scott cannot understand motorists who change their cars every few years, and who fear the odometer clicking round to six figures.

Mr Scott, whose 1980 Volvo 244 DL has just clocked up more than 400,000 miles, belongs to that elite group of drivers whose vehicles have spun the clock not once but twice or more. He lives in Aberporth, Dyfed, but works with British Aerospace in Hertfordshire, commuting weekly, which accounts for many of the 500-600 miles he has covered every week since buying the car.

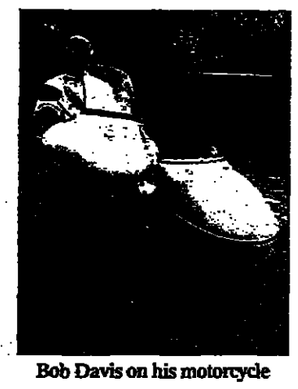
"I bought it new for about £6,000," he says. "The first thing went wrong with the engine at 335,000 miles, when a piston ring broke." Apart from three clutches and a new exhaust, in 1983, the car has needed only regular servicing every ten weeks to keep running.

Does he ever get bored driving the same car? "No," he says. "I saw a Volvo advert boasting that one of its cars had done 123,000 miles. Why advertise that? I reckon my car has almost done the equivalent *of a return trip to the moon.*"

If there is a British record in this eccentric field (*The Guinness Book of Records* cites a Californian Volkswagon Beetle that has covered 1.4 million miles), it might belong to Bob Davis, whose former AA patrol motorcycle and sidecar had already covered more than 100,000 miles when he bought it second-hand in 1963 for £64 12s (£64.60). Since then, the BSA 600cc M21 bike has covered more than 430,000 miles.

Mr Davis, 56, who lives in Livingston, near Edinburgh, covers a minimum of 50 miles a day commuting to his work with Strathclyde Regional Council. But the bike has an easier life than in the days when it, and a sidecar, took *Mr Davis, his wife Millie, and their*

To many, a car that has travelled 100,000 miles is an 'old banger'; to some it is their pride and joy



Bob Davis on his motorcycle

two children (now adults), to the Lake District for holidays, towing a camping trailer behind. "Only once did the bike baulk, and that was on a one-in-three hill," Mr Davis says.

The bike has worn out a number of sidecars but, apart from tyres, drive chains, a few pistons and valves, has needed little attention itself.

Glynne Topham had to pay slightly more than the standard price when she bought her white MGB sports car in 1972 — the cost of £1,211 included optional extras such as wing mirrors. Since then, she has done 209,000 miles. Miss Topham uses the open-top sportster for leisure and for work, with her Jack Russell, named *Toggel, as passenger. As she drives* around East Sussex on her way to work as a decorator, it is not unusual to see ladders sticking out of the car. The MGB is serviced regularly at a garage in Battle, but she re-upholstered the leather seats herself. Now that rust is once again attacking the doors, sills and wings, she is considering buying a new bodyshell.

Miss Topham would never dream of getting rid of the car. "It is practical, holds my ladders, and can take Toggel to terrier races, which means driving over fields. Often, my car will get out of boggy ground, when other cars need a push to get unstuck, because the MGB has such good torque."

Sue Bell is another driver who is determined not to buy a new car. Her Daihatsu Charade has covered 330,000 miles and no longer has a fifth gear, but Ms Bell, the head of research at the Army Blood Supply Depot in Aldershot, Hampshire, uses it regularly to commute from her home in Southampton, and to visit friends and family in Yorkshire and Northumberland.

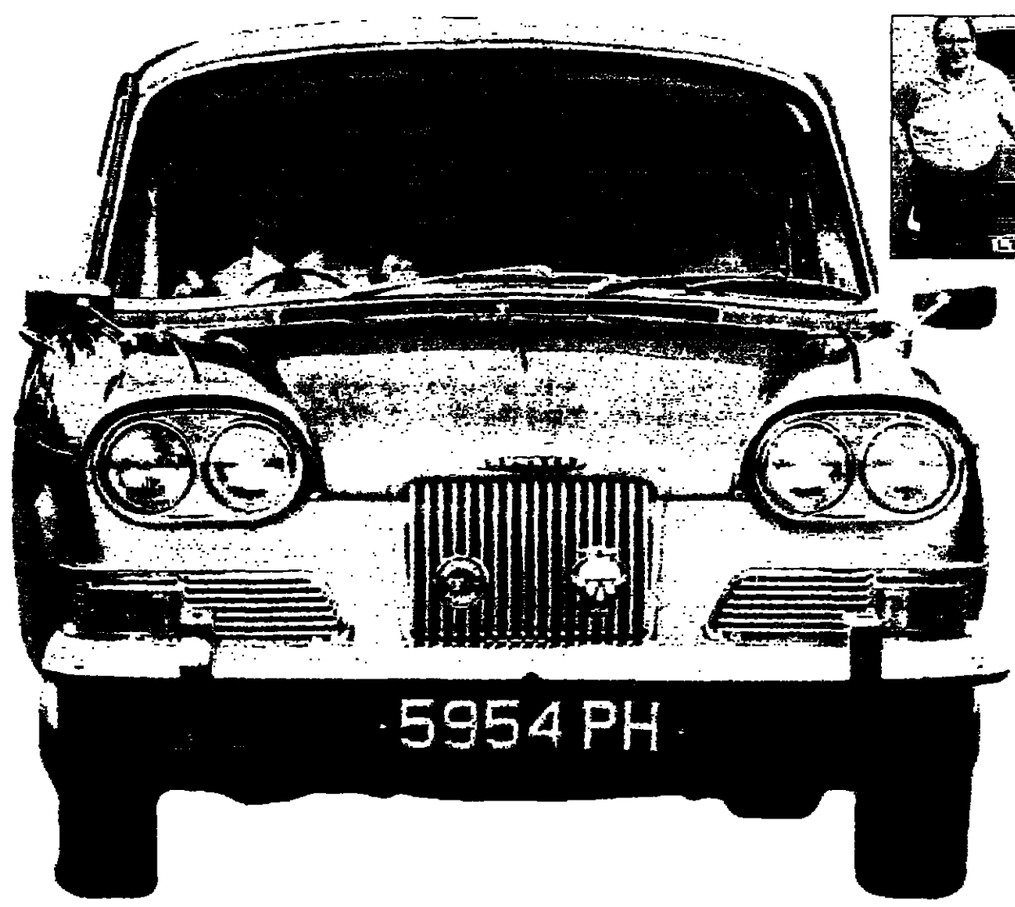
She had a VW Beetle with 100,000 miles on the clock when she bought the Charade XTE in 1983 for just under £4,000. "I was expecting *my son, Raymond," she says, "and* the VW didn't have a heater. I decided to buy a new car and keep it until it ran into the ground."

Repairs to the gearbox would cost more than the vehicle is worth (about £500), so she is happy to manage with four gears. Otherwise, with its original engine and a service every ten weeks or so, the car behaves well and returns 55 miles to the gallon.

Finding spares for older cars can be a problem. Malcolm Terheggen has had to hand-craft new door handles for his 1963 Humber Sceptre, which he bought for £1,044 9s 10d, and which has done more than 200,000 miles. When Mr Terheggen, a retired project engineer, of Bedfont, southwest London, *bought the car, the Road Fund* Licence was £15 a year and ten-gallons of petrol cost about the same as one gallon now — £2.11s.3d.

He bought it because he "fell in love with the interior of the car; all those dials". The Sceptre has taken him, his wife Anne, and their daughter Caroline, all over Britain on family holidays. The car now *leads a more sedate life, picking up* trophies at car rallies and shows. Perhaps Mr Terheggen speaks for all round-the-clock motorists when he describes a vehicle that is so much more than just a means of transport: "It's part of the family and I would be loath to get rid of it. It's unique as far as I'm concerned."

VAUGHAN FREEMAN



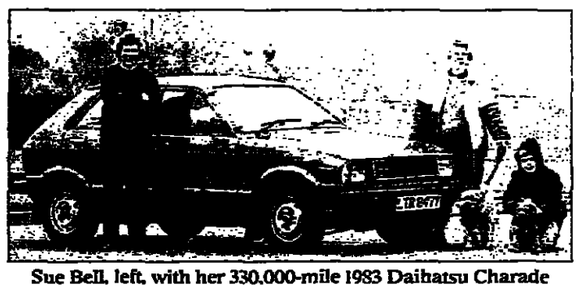
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Above: Ron Scott and his 1980 Volvo 244 DL, which he bought for £6,000 and which has just clocked up more than 400,000 miles

Left: Malcolm Terheggen's 1963 Humber Sceptre, which cost him £1,044, and has now covered more than 200,000 miles

Below: Glynne Topham, with her Jack Russell and the MGB sports car that she bought in 1972 for £1,211. It has 209,000 miles on the clock



Sue Bell, left, with her 330,000-mile 1983 Daihatsu Charade



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Two dozen drivers filed into the classroom feeling morose and resentful. Each had been found guilty of a "moving violation". American police jargon for speeding, jumping the lights or making an illegal turn. Each had paid a fine, in the region of £100. They had also been ordered to attend eight hours of traffic school, the ultimate humiliation.

As it turned out, though, the experience was not too onerous. Quite enjoyable, in fact. For one thing, the classroom was in a very pleasant setting, with broad windows opening on to a vista of lawns, palm trees and the sun setting over a marina. For another, the teacher was not some droning police officer, but a stand-up comic.

In California, birthplace of the feel-good movement, even the ignominy of traffic school has been turned into a playful encounter. Comedy traffic schools are a growth industry. Dozens are listed in the Los Angeles Yellow Pages with names such as: Wheel Make U Laff, Lettuce Amuse You, U Laff 4 Less and Lucky Brake. I chose to visit the Improv Traffic School run by the comedy club of the same name. Its toll-free telephone number is: 0800 491 LAFF.

Our teacher was Reed Berry, would-be Hollywood star. He was a Secret Service agent in the Clint Eastwood film *In the Line of Fire*, but you may have missed him. He is teaching traffic school, you should understand, only until his big break comes along. He always has his CV and head-shot photos with him, just in case a casting director shows up in class, as happened to a friend of his.

In the meantime, as he tells his class, he is a "traffic safety professional". He wiggles his fingers to indicate the quotation marks. It gets a laugh, but it is true. All the out-of-work comedians teaching at traffic schools are licensed instructors who must have passed a state test. At 36, Berry is a rotund, energetic figure with a fast line of patter. He is a fund of traffic-school advice. For example: "Always dress appropriately for traffic court. Don't show up wearing a T-shirt that says 'Manson was Framed' or 'Cops Suck'. In your dealings with the cops try to be unmemorable. Never say, 'Officer, I'll see *you* in court.' They'll make sure you do."

He starts the class by finding out why everyone is there. Mostly it is for speeding. Lisa, a portfolio manager, was doing 80mph in a 55mph zone. Berry asks why. She says: "Oh, it was a nice day, the top was down and the other traffic was with me." Scott, a teenager who was caught driving at 60mph along Pacific Coast Highway, where the limit is 45mph, says he was bored with surfing at Malibu and just wanted to get home. Berry tells him it was a learning experience and he will never speed again. Scott says he is not so sure.

Berry wants to know if I was ever done for speeding. I have never been pulled over in the United States, so I recall the time I was accused of doing 37mph in Luton, by two zealous members of the Bedfordshire Constabulary, an episode that still rankles 30 years on. My account draws sympathetic groans from the class.

Berry is searching the class for the speed king or queen, the one who was driving fastest. The distinction goes to Rick, an interior designer who was clocked at 92mph in his Porsche. "I had been doing 150-something," Rick says proudly. "They only caught me when I was slowing down."

By now, laughter has loosened up the group. Berry has made the point that a moving violation can happen to anyone. Lots of police have been sent to his classes and even a traffic court judge.

Berry plays off his audience so no two classes are the same, but he does have some standard lines. Holding up a STOP sign he says: "Remember, folks, the letters on the sign don't mean 'Slow To Observe Police'." He has a collection of motorists' explanations for accidents taken from insurance forms. Among them: "Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have." "The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions." "The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him." "I'd been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel." "The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran over him." "An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle and vanished." And Berry's favourite: "I pulled out, glanced at my mother-in-law and drove over an embankment."

Then he goes into a string of parodies. One is of elderly people changing their minds on a crossing. His point is to illustrate why drivers should wait until pedestrians reach the kerb before pulling away. The class is soon bombarding him with questions about the legal hazards of turning lanes, double yellow lines and rights of way at crossroads.

During a break, class members agree that opening up the traffic schools to comedy has been a blessing. Each of them paid £25 to attend, but in doing so they avoided points on their driving licence and escaped a skyrocketing increase in their insurance.

At the end of the second evening, traffic school concludes with a hokey awards ceremony, at which each graduate receives a certificate. As the class disappears into the night, still laughing, Berry slumps into a chair, drained. He says: "We walk a fine line between being too funny and too serious but we want this to be a positive learning experience. Think back to your school days and the teacher who made the greatest impression on you. It's probably the one with the most interesting presentation and a sense of humour, not the one who made you doze off."

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Off with their heads

Pruning plants at the right time can bring a second growth, says Stephen Anderton



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Stephen Anderton cuts back a campanula just below the lowest spent flowers to ensure a good second blooming

Dead-heading, like weeding, can be curiously satisfying. When I began gardening 20 years ago, two village ladies (known by the garden's owners and its staff as "the women") came in two *afternoons* a week for free to dead-head roses. Greater love hath no woman . . .

But there are many plants besides roses which benefit from dead-heading, and which leave your hands looking less flayed. A pair of secateurs applied at the right time to many a herbaceous plant will produce either a second crop of flowers or a fresh mound of foliage.

Just now *Salvia* 'Superba' and the shorter 'East Friesland' need dead-heading. Left to their own devices they will coast to autumn, the furry spikes of seed-head fading from violet to brown. These are attractive *in themselves but a* second crop of smaller flowers can be induced by cutting off these furry candles to the first or second strong pair of buds. These buds will throw up more flowers of that intense blue-purple, and these are the ones to allow to dry on the plant, for autumn interest. They look fine with purple *Clematis* 'Star of India', black-leaved fennel, and the maroon heads of *Angelica gigas*.

The perennial wallflower *Erysimum* 'Bowles' Mauve' is always the better for constant dead-heading, which will encourage it to flower for seven to eight months. It is a strong, bushy plant, and a good substitute for lavender in cold gardens. Regular dead-heading also keeps the plant dense, which in turn gives it a longer life span. Three to four years of useful life is not uncommon in lean growing conditions, but after that it becomes woody and looks weary.

Hostas are better with their flower stems removed after the flowers have faded. On some varieties grown for foliage, such as *Hosta sieboldiana* 'Elegans', I dead-head them the moment the bottom flowers begin to fade. If the decaying trumpets are allowed to drop on to the leaves they will mark them, especially in wet weather.

The daisy tribe in general repays dead-heading. Argyranthemums in pots can be kept fresh by regularly removing the old flowers; vigorous forms such as 'Jamaica Primrose' can reach their visual peak this way as late as October. 'Vancouver', the favourite pink form, is fully double and fades to a serene peachy grey almost more attractive than the new pink, so I let its flowers hang on much longer. The smaller, grey leaved *A. maderense* tends to grind to a halt after producing its first crop of flowers and needs time to get roimd to a second crop, but if you nip off the old flowers as they fade, the gap between the crops is minimised.

When the full *Campanula lactiflora* has finished flowering it can be cut back with secateurs, to somewhere just below the lowest spent flowers. A second crop will appear, not as large as the first but much better for having had the main-crop seedheads removed. It is a chance to cut some of the outside stems even lower, perhaps to 3ft, so that when they refurnish with leaf (if not with flower) they redress the bottom of the whole clump with fresher greenery.

Helianthemums must be given a hard time by the secateurs if they are to stay dense. They grow happily in rabbit-grazed turf or under the lawn mower in limestone, wildflower meadows. In a garden border or scree, they need plenty of cutting to keep them tight.

As soon as the first crop of helianthemum flowers is over, in June, go over the plants with secateurs, taking the flowered stems right back to the lowest promising pair of buds. On the strong-growing grey-leaved varieties, such as 'Wisley Pink', 'Wisley Primrose' and 'The Bride', this may mean taking off stems 1ft long, which will have been lying across the plant. With all that seed cut off, the plants produce another respectable flush of flowers.

When the flowers of *Alchemilla mollis* begin to brown off, it can be sheared to the ground — flower stems, leaves and all. The more you lose, the more unspoilt will be the fresh greenery, and there may well be a second flush of flower. I give it a light dressing of sulphate of ammonia and a soaking with the hosepipe, known in our trade jargon as a "brandy and soda". The results are startling; the plants are green again within a fortnight. A secondary benefit is that the seeds do not spread all over the garden, lodging in all those inaccessible nooks and crannies, and the crowns of other plants.

A friend of mine grows hummocks of alchemilla here and there in a winding cottage garden path. Whenever I visit, there are fresh clumps of foliage, each leaf ready to catch the dew in its crimpled shell. His brutal technique is to run the mower over the path once every four to six weeks, alchemilla and all.

● *George Plumptre is on holiday.*

GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

Q **My standard bay laurel is badly affected every June-July by yellowing lower leaves (which rapidly fall) and by sooty mould. The shrub loses 25 per cent of its leaves every season and is becoming leggy. How can I eradicate the pest and get the bushy, ball shape back?** — Ronny Nicholas, London W5.

A Your bay tree has an infestation of one of its commonest pests, the scale insect, which lives and breeds in scale-like structures, mainly under the leaves. The secretions of the insects fall on to the lower leaves, causing moulds to grow. The answer is to spray the tree in May with an insecticide containing malathion, making sure you cover the undersides of all the leaves. Do remember that a bay, being evergreen, will shed some old leaves every summer in the natural course of events — but 25 per cent is too much and may be caused by insect attack, or even overwatering.

To maintain the perfect ball shape of a potted bay, *such as you see outside Lon*don restaurants, there needs to be regular pinching of the new shoots to encourage dense growth. So use some of the young tips for cooking, rather than waiting for full-sized leaves. To reshape a ball which has become thin, prune back in May, and feed it. Then pinch frequently.

Q **Is there a weedkiller which will effectively deal with speedwell in lawns? The chemical called ioxynil was effective, but this is no longer available.** — A.E. Avery, Glossop, Derbyshire, and Mrs T. House, Blackheath, London.

A Approval for ioxynil has been withdrawn by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The best controls now, although less effective, are mecoprop, or dicamba, which are available in various proprietary lawn weedkillers. Several treatments are required if you are to get rid of speedwell. A spring dressing of lawn sand will help to keep it at bay in the first place. Slender speedwell, the commonest species in lawns, *spreads by means of little* pieces of stem cut off and distributed by the lawn mower, which then root to form new plants.



Honesty: a slow developer

Q **I have a *Philadelphus* 'Virginal', which is six years old. It grew quickly, was pruned back, and is once again close to 10ft high. It is in full sun but never flowers. What should I do, beyond pruning it hard back again? Do I need two plants, given its name.** — Mrs Jean Le Maitre, St Andrews, Fife.

A There is nothing so dreary when not in flower as a philadelphus, except a lilac or forsythia. In flower, the perfume from philadelphus is luscious, generous and a necessity for a summer garden. The variety 'Virginal' has double flowers of the purest white. But it is a great tease. It likes to make a round-headed matron of a bush 12ft in all directions, and given this space it settles down to flower well enough. If you prune it hard, great wands of new growth shoot up, all promise but no flower.

'Virginal' has no place in a small garden. I would replace it with one of the small-flowered singles, such as 'Avalanche' or 'Erectus', which flower with abandon on a medium-size bush, loading the air with perfume. The larger-flowered 'Beauclerk' and 'Belle Etoile' have an attractive maroon *blotch at the base of the* petals, but they never flower quite so freely.

Q **I have been given a plant of a white-variegated honesty which I admired. It had some variegation when I planted it, but now the leaves are just green. Is the problem my soil?** — Mrs Audrey Walker, Northampton.

A Variegated honesty (a biennial) does not come *true from* seed, to a high percentage. Even in variegated progeny, the variegation often takes a long time to make itself apparent. Sometimes the variegation hardly shows at all in the first seedling year, but makes itself obvious in the second flowering year. Your plant is probably just enjoying the new life in some good soil. The variegation should show up again. Try begging some seed this year, and grow a group of them to increase the odds of success.

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No smirking: massage is a serious business

As the tiny Thai girl contorted my leg into a most unnatural position, then stamped on it with her bare feet, I did wonder whether such treatment was really therapeutic.

After a good hour of this — with me, clad in an indecently short kimono, lying on a thin mattress on the floor in the superb spa belonging to Bangkok's Mandarin Oriental hotel — I glided on to the steaming, teeming streets of the Thai capital feeling relaxed yet exhilarated.

Despite the masseuse's exertions, during much of the treatment I almost dozed off. She used not just her hands and feet, but the weight of her whole body. My treatment had been a form of Thai massage, although the spa offers numerous other types of massages and beauty treatments, both oriental and occidental.

The spa opened last year, a one-minute ferry ride across the Chao Phraya river from the Mandarin Oriental hotel. Under Kurt Goran Lonnblad, the Swedish health guru, there is an almost spiritual quality to the place. He is the man Rudolph Nureyev used to ask for; and that splendidly well-preserved film star Goldie Hawn was a recent customer.

Mr Lonnblad, slight, and seemingly ageless has concentrated here on applying the secrets of healers and herbalists from the past 2,000 years. For his treatments, he picks



Chalong temple, Phuket

herbs in the mountains: prai root; extracts from kah-ton, a tree bark; ta khrai and ka-min. Needless to say, he and his assistants discuss with guests their requirements and the rigours of each treatment.

Bangkok is a peculiar mix of boom-town high-rise growth intermingled with squalor, wooden shacks and pavement vendors. A sanctuary, such as the Oriental, is most welcome. By far the quickest and most exciting way to get around, is to travel by river, especially as boats of all shapes and styles stop at the Oriental's quay. The latest additions include redundant Thames River Buses imported by a Thai businessman.

The spa's treatments added something unique to my visit to Bangkok. But the very word "massage", especially linked to Thailand, still brings forth giggles and comments of "Oh yes!" — and not without cause, as I found later, in another part of the country. Mr Lonnblad says he has had only five persistently priapic male clients (and no females), and has trained his girls to walk out and fetch him. Increasingly he is training male masseurs to cater for the male clients.

After three days in Bangkok, we flew down to Phuket Yacht Club, also owned by the Mandarin Oriental group, overlooking Nai Harn beach and a couple of tiny, jewel-like islands. Unhappily, a few parts of Phuket are already infected by the Benidorm disease — too many uncouth English and other northern Europeans; too many shoddy hotels with their squalid spin-offs. Among the main attractions are the stalls selling everything from "original" Calvin Klein shirts to "original" Rolex watches for a fiver. My son's £5 watch is still working months later; as the saleswoman said: "Good battery."

But thankfully, Nai Harn remains unspoilt. The Yacht Club overlooks the bay, where a few luxury yachts are moored. As the hotel is laid out generously on terraces, each suite has its own sun deck with a view of the sea and islands — particularly good for honeymooners or anyone demanding privacy.

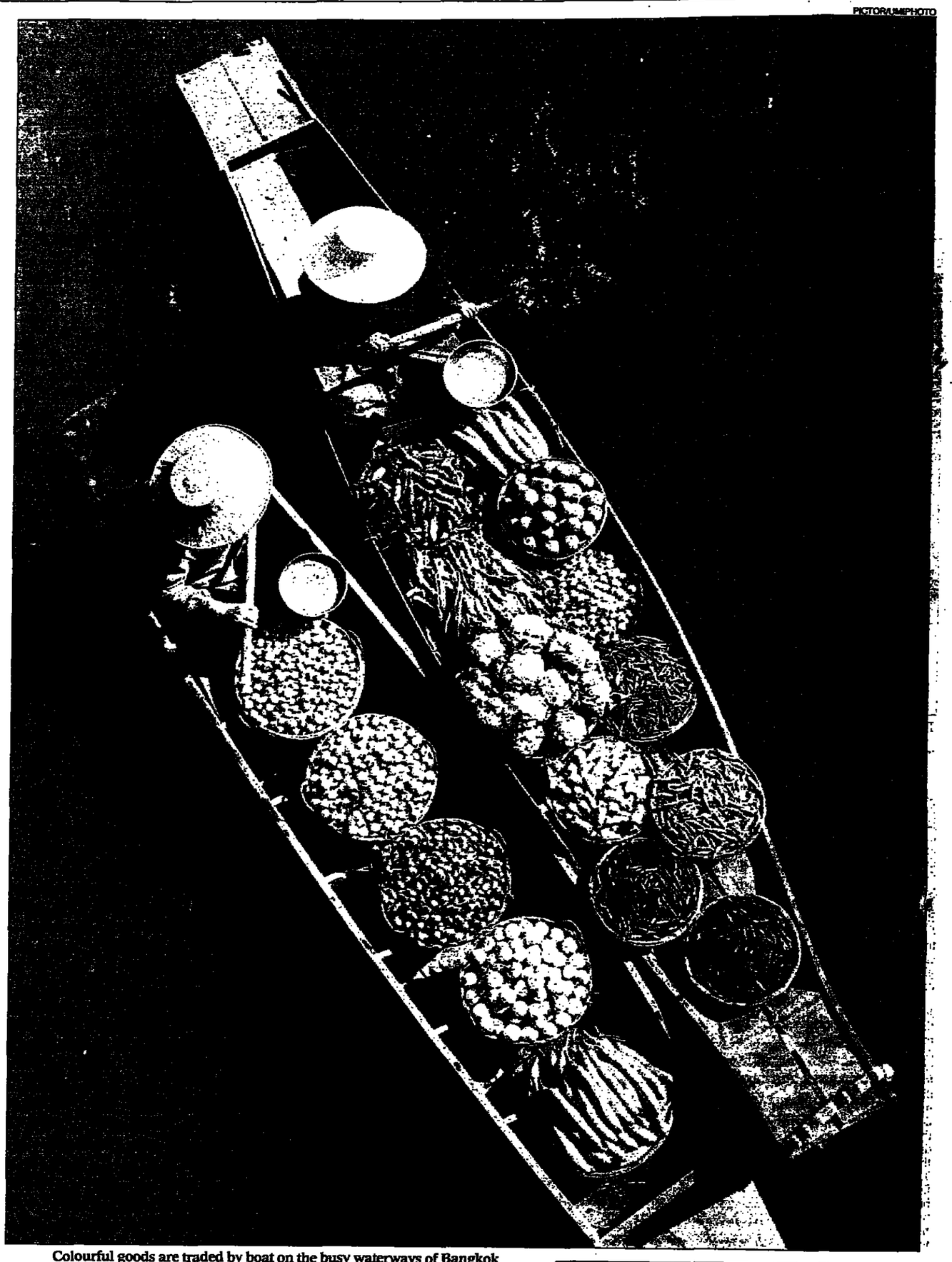
One thing was missing. Mildly addicted by this time to the self-indulgence of Mr Lonnblad's spa, I couldn't resist something advertised in my room as a "traditional Thai massage". Unfortunately I went to the wrong place — and discovered that "extras" were not a service offered only to male clients. Next day, I found the real hotel masseur a delightful young man with a sympathetic touch.

The only waters — and white sands — which could possibly compare with those around Phuket are in the Caribbean. The Andaman Sea is littered with coral, a fantastic variety of marine life, and steep-sided islands such as the famous "James Bond" island.

A typical day at the Yacht Club can make one empathise with Shirley "superwoman" Conran's sudden yearning for the simple life. A case of "all I want" is to sail on the club's own catamaran to a neighbouring isle, a spot of snorkelling, lunch on board, a canter along the beach on an arab-like Thai pony in the evening sun, followed by a four-course dinner of local seafood, eaten in congenial company.

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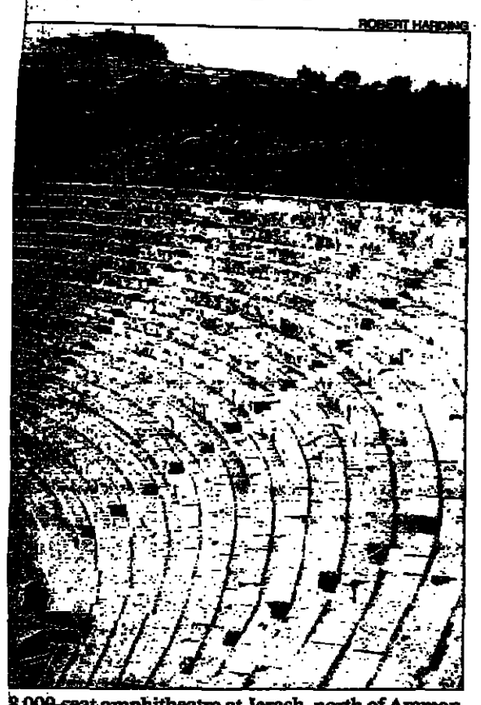
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If you overdose on antiquities, an antidote is an afternoon lolling in the Dead Sea. At 386m (1,266ft) below sea level, this super-saline expanse is a must on anyone's itinerary, though the facilities are less than attractive: no showers, only not-very-clean lavatories to change in, and a café of sorts where soft drinks are served in flimsy plastic beakers.

Anyone visiting Jordan must pack a Bible. When one stands on Mount Nebo, where God showed Moses the Promised Land, one can then dip into Deuteronomy 34:1-8 to read the first-hand account. The same applies to other Biblical landmarks mentioned in the Old Testament, such as the Plain of Jordan, where Abraham and Lot quarrelled over cattle-grazing rights when Lot chose the plain because "it was like the Garden of the Lord" (Genesis 13:10).

Another must, is Madaba, about 20 miles south of Amman, where there is a mosaic map of Palestine (about AD 560) in the Greek Orthodox church of St George.

The most awe-inspiring of Jordan's historical treasures is Petra, 115 miles south of Amman. Established in 800 BC, this "lost" city of the Nabataeans was found in 1812 by Johann Ludwig Burckhardt, the Swiss explorer and convert to Islam. Petra ought to be the last stop on any tour: anything that is seen after it will be an anti-climax. It is not just beautiful, but breathtakingly so.

To reach it, one has to walk or ride through a two-mile gorge, where in places the overhanging rocks rise to 200m (656ft), nearly blocking out the light. Go early and stay late to soak up the atmosphere.

The first building you see in Petra is the Khazneh (treasury), where pirates are supposed to have hidden their treasure and where the final scenes of *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* were filmed. Like many of the surrounding ancient temples hewn from the mountains, its Greek-style columns and pediments are decorated with flora and fauna, and unidentifiable figures presumed to be gods.

The Monastery, at the other end of the city, is similar in design, but even more imposing: when you stand back from it and see someone standing in the 26ft-high doorway, you appreciate just how immense it is. The views from here are spectacular: you can just see the small white dome which marks the traditional site of the tomb of Aaron on top of the distant Mount Hor.

Lunch is offered at an incongruously modern restaurant in the city, but I preferred the simple meal offered in a nearby goat-hair Bedouin tent — bread, cucumber, tomatoes, yoghurt and cheese.

The newly developed Taybet Zaman Village, near Petra, is a good place to stay. It has been created by converting turn-of-the-century stone houses into an attractive tourist complex. Kan Zaman Village, a similar development between Amman and its airport, has traditional craft workshops selling souvenirs. But don't expect cheap prices, the products are superior to the usual tourist tat.

Although there is the option of lazing on the beach at the Gulf of Aqaba, Jordan is essentially a place for serious sight-seeing. The Jordanians we met were charming and their country has not yet been spoiled by tourism.

HEATHER KIRBY



How to get there

☐ Heather Kirby was a guest of Bales Tours, Bales House, Junction Road, Dorking, Surrey RH4 3HB (0306 885991). She flew from Heathrow to Amman with Royal Jordanian Airlines (071-734 2557) and stayed at the Amra Hotel in Amman, and the Forum Hotel in Petra.

☐ An eight-day escorted Bales tour costs from £799, including flights, half-board accommodation and visits to Jerash, Mount Nebo, Madaba, Kerak and Petra. An 11-day escorted tour, which includes a two-day camp in Wadi Rum and a trip to Aqaba, costs from £1,395, with flights, half-board accommodation and lunch on five of the days.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 27

ANDROCONIUM

(a) Usually in the plural *androconia*, scales on the wings of certain male Lepidoptera from which the attractive scent of the male is diffused, equals *plumule*: "The flocculent yellow *androconial hairs which line the interior of the pocket and* which doubtless emit a smell attractive to the female."

FASCHING

(c) Carnival or Easter festival time, from the German: "München in Carnival... these smooth, baggy, tired faces in the streets with the watery obstinacy. 'It is *Fasching*. We are *Enjoying ourselves' in the eye.*"

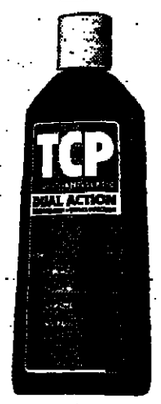
PARMENTIER

(c) In cookery, made with or accompanied by potatoes, eponym from the name of Antoine A. Parmentier, who popularised potatoes in France. A. E. Housman, letter, 1929: "Food not varied or inventive, especially soup: I do not mind Santé twice in *ten days, but Parmentier* I do."

RICHARD

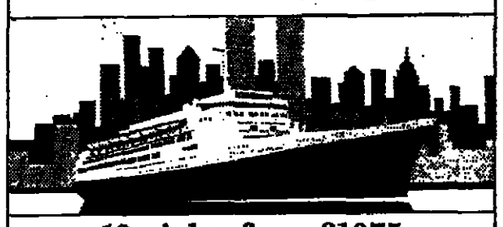
(c) A more formal equivalent of *dick*, a detective. 1914: *Richard, noun.* A detective. Derived from the process of nicknaming, but in reverse of the usual custom. Thus from the term *'detective'*, *'dick'* was suggested and hence *'Richard'* was derived. Or, *following the corruption on the* English *'Robert' to 'Bob' and* 'Bobby', the American parallel was suggested."

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FLY-FISHING IN RUSSIA: The Kola Peninsula, in the low Arctic, offers a test of skill

Hooked on iced salmon

It is the same assemblage most days: one pair of underpants, one pair of thermal long johns, two pairs of socks, one thermal, long-sleeved vest, two shirts, one heavy sweater, one down-padded waistcoat, one 3mm neoprene wading suit that reaches from feet to chest, one windproof and waterproof jacket, one hat, and one automatically inflating lifejacket that buckles on like a fighter-pilot's harness. Dressing for battle with the salmon of the Ponoy river, in the low Russian Arctic, takes time.

Most days, every last quilted square of it is necessary. Tomorrow, of course, it may not be; or this afternoon; or a few minutes after I've got it all nicely on. But then, the weather on the Kola Peninsula, hard up against the Barents Sea, is as difficult to predict as the fish we have come to catch.

A few years ago, just being in this once-secret area would have been impossible. But now, 90 miles from the base that the West knows as Red October, the Americans, the British, the French and the Germans have finally landed.

There are disaster stories about some of the fishing camps that have sprung up in Russia, but not this one: it is a comfort cocoon in the middle of nothing, on the far side of nowhere. The camp has a first-class Finnish chef and a live-in Russian doctor. With an eye to the future, the Americans, who founded it, have persuaded the Russians to declare the Ponoy and its teeming salmon a state fish reserve.

Commercial netting has been stopped: fishing is with flies, and then only on barbless hooks. All fish other than one per angler each week must be returned. In the land of the unsleeping summer sun, where reindeer throw their crooked shadows and the white-tailed eagles fly, the angling ethos that prevails is in advance of that found in most places in Britain.

There are 20 of us in the party. For all our isolation and the Ponoy's great size — it is about 267 miles long, 220 yards wide on average and mostly fast and rock-snaggled — we can get where we need to be. Half a dozen jet-powered boats skim the water, each taking two anglers and a professional guide daily to the best places close by. Two jet helicopters, parked overnight like gnats on the low hill behind us, lift others to favoured distant spots, where more boats are permanently moored.

Typically, an angler fishes three days from the boats, three days from the helicopters. The boat-fishing is interesting, the chopper flights are fantastic. Each early-morning flight takes us across a treeless, endlessly unfurling carpet of tundra. There are greens and olives, ochres and greys. Pools wink up from the horizon like scattered coins. The Ponoy cleaves through it.

My week brings me 11 fish, against a hoped-for 20-plus, though they do include my biggest salmon to date, a 20-pounder. Most others get a few more or a few less, with the deadly men — Per the Norwegian, Ted the American and Bernd and Thomas the Germans — getting significantly more because they fish harder and longer and better than the rest of us.

The most memorable part of my trip comes near the week's end. There is a Russian settlement near the mouth of the Ponoy and I ask to see it. The chopper lifts me from the place I've been fishing, gains height, stands sideways on its rotor and slides around the steep bend through the Ponoy's high, canyoned walls.

When I see it, the village looks like a litter of old packing cases dropped from the air: dishevelled, bare-wood houses, a square of chicken-wire fencing, a stone circle said to be 4,000 years old. There is no visible way in, no visible way out and no visible sign of hope. The 30 people who cling to subsistence here live on salmon and reindeer. Nothing grows except for coarse grass and wild flowers and the lichen on the rocks.

Several villagers approach us out of curiosity at first, but then drift away and close their doors with soft clicks.

After 80 years of isolation, however, Babashula does want contact. She invites us into her bare-boarded house, sits us on wooden stools at a wooden table and brings us tea in cups, though she pours her own into a saucer to drink, holding it aloft on her finger-ends, like an offered chalice.

We converse awkwardly, doing our best, through an interpreter who is as moved as we are. I want to give her something but can think of nothing, because I have only material things for which she has no use. As I leave, Babashula picks a wild flower and, as though it is a sudden afterthought, gives it to me.

She turns indoors when we lift and bank away, winding our way back to the comfort cocoon where the salmon roll and the jet-boats skim and the Finnish chef makes his pastries.

I have the wild flower, still.

BRIAN CLARKE

BRIAN CLARKE



The fishing camp on the Ponoy river is "a comfort cocoon in the middle of nothing, on the far side of nowhere", with helicopters for longer day trips



Anglers keep one fish each, the rest are returned to the river

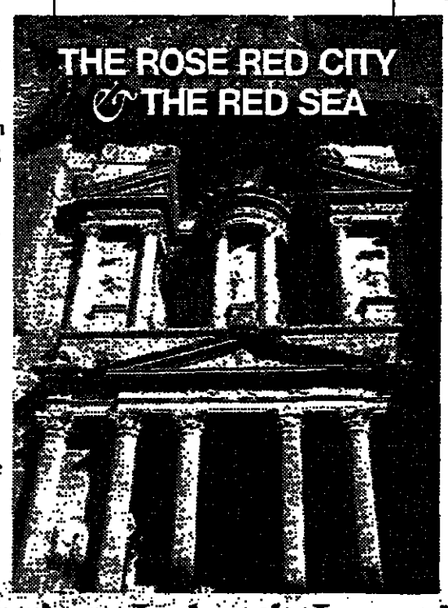
Getting there

☐ Brian Clarke travelled to Helsinki, Finland, and on to Murmansk, Russia, as a guest of Finnair (071-408 1222). On Kola, he was a guest of Frontiers, 18 Albermarle Street, London W1X 3HA (071-493 0798; fax 071-491 9177). Finnair return flights from Heathrow to Helsinki: from £199. Flights from Helsinki to Murmansk are best taken through a Frontiers' package.

☐ Frontier offers two fishing camps on the Ponoy river between June and September 17. Brian Clarke fished the lower and more productive (hence more expensive) of the two. Frontiers' prices are from Murmansk onwards. They range from $5,290 to $7,500 (about £3,412-£4,840), depending on the week and camp booked, and include a night in Helsinki.

☐ Frontiers produces an information pack, which advises on everything from rods and flies, to climate, clothing and safety. If neoprene chest waders are used, a life jacket with not less than 250 newton of buoyancy is essential.





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- Guest Lecturers: Mr Timothy Tatton-Brown, a consultant archaeologist who has helped make several programmes for the BBC Radio 4 Origins series; Dr Barbara Watterson, who has conducted extra-mural courses in Egyptology for Liverpool University for many years; Canon Peter Ball, Canon Emeritus of St Paul's Cathedral who read Classics and Ancient History at Oxford.

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☐ Direct flights between Luton and Kerry County Airport, in southwest Ireland (nine miles from Killarney, 13 from Tralee), have been started by Manx Airlines Europe (0345 256256). From £115 return. To take advantage of the new service, Italiatour (071-602 0801) has relaunched Dublintour, which offers holidays including walking, golf or cycling. Accommodation is in family homes, on farms or in hotels. Prices from £187 for two nights B&B including flights and car hire.

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☐ Windsurfing and Hobi-cat fanatics can have daily tuition at Vassiliki Bay on the Greek island of Lefkas. A week there costs £429, room only, including flights from Gatwick to Préveza (one-hour transfer), daily instruction and equipment. Holidays end September. Wildwind: 0920 484516.

☐ From September, Susi Madron's Cycling for Softies (061-248 8282) offers a nine-night Loire Valley package including a bicycle, maps and half-board accommodation in Chinon, Saumur and Richelieu for £599, with flights from Heathrow or Gatwick.

☐ Owners Abroad, Britain's third largest holiday company, has a new corporate name, First Choice, which consolidates its seven previous brands into three: First Choice, for mainstream holidays; Sovereign, for "the more sophisticated holidaymaker"; and Freespirit, for those who want to "holiday away from their own or other people's children".

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Second city seizes the limelight

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Our visit there was punctuated by unexpected music. First there was the sparkling baroque background to the video on the city's history. Later, as we searched the crowded Saturday Sauchiehall Street for the Willow Tea Rooms, the strident sounds of a marching band grew stronger until a damp and bedraggled retinue of men playing drums and fifes, and carrying brilliantly coloured Orange Lodge banners appeared out of the rain and continued along one of the many roads that cross Sauchiehall Street.

That evening, at the Glasgow proms in the acoustically perfect Royal Concert Hall, "Nessun Dorma" and arias from *Carmen*, *Tosca* and *Il Trovatore* had us demanding encores. More Italian music wafted over a late supper of smoked salmon and chilled white wine in Tony Matteo's City Merchant bistro. This family-owned and sympathetically furnished restaurant facing the floodlit Victorian City Halls in Candleriggs, is deservedly renowned for the quality of its seafood (041-553 1588).

The final unexpected music was stupendous and quite breathtaking. After Sunday lunch in the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, on the edge of Kelvingrove Park, we were drifting round the first floor admiring the impressionist paintings when a blast like the last trump had us dashing to the edge of the gallery. The seats in the magnificent entrance hall below had filled for an afternoon concert. We hadn't noticed the organ high above the entrance as we came in. There was no missing it now as the Radetzky March exploded into the building with such power that it could be heard miles away.

But there are still hints of the old Glasgow. Step outside the south entrance of the impressive new Royal Concert Hall, all soothing lights and comfortable seats, and there is a scene of dereliction. On one side stands a vast hoarding promising a new store, on the other is the classical façade of a once beautiful but now derelict hotel, and a pawnbrokers' sign, the three gold balls of the Medici, still hangs above what is now a corner pub. All this only a stone's throw from the stylishly elegant and hugely popular Buchanan Square shopping centre.

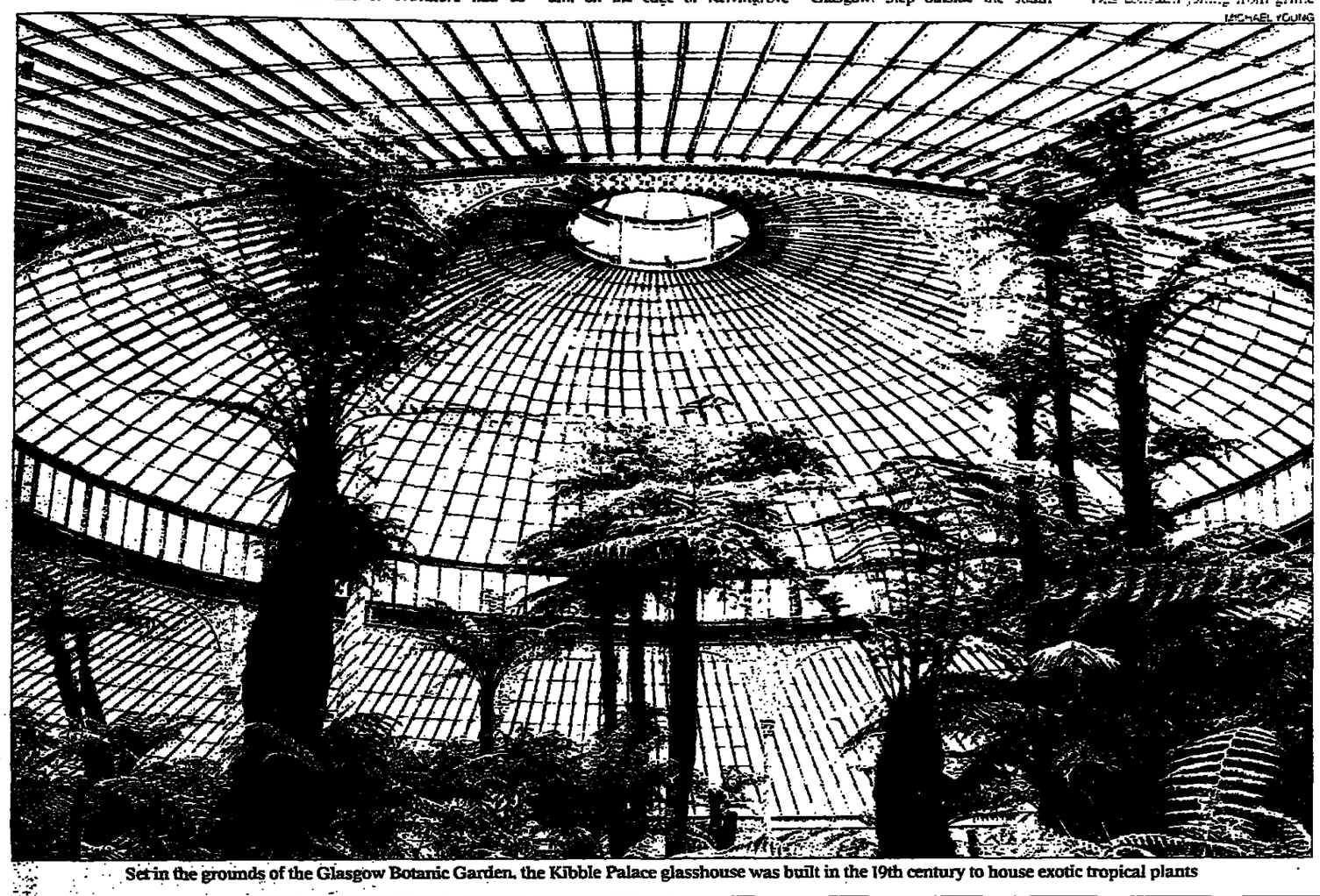
This constant jolting from grime to glory is part of Glasgow's attraction. Have a drink outside at one of the smart cafes in traffic-free John Street and you could be in a fashionable Italian city: the designer shops of Versace, Armani, Mondi and others lining the street and the slender white spire of nearby Hutchesons' Hall are stylish and elegant. This is part of the reclaimed Merchant Quarter built by the 18th-century tobacco barons. Tobacco was followed by textiles, engineering and ship-building. The short video — with baroque musical background — made by the National Trust for Scotland and shown in the richly decorated Hutchesons' Hall skims through the city's history.

As soon as you leave this sophisticated enclave and cross Ingram Street you see immediately the enormity of what remains to be done. Many handsome, dirty and often derelict buildings in the Merchant Quarter wait to be cleaned and restored. And there's more. Nineteenth-century prosperity brought buildings that any major European city would be proud to claim — the triumphal Italian-style city chambers, the vast art gallery and museum, the technically superb wrought iron, steel and glass constructions of the People's Palace and Kibble Palace and the wonderfully exotic Templeton Business Centre, once a carpet factory. Top marks to council and commerce which, between them, are bringing about Glasgow's regeneration.

Walk to feel the vibrant atmosphere and to catch sudden visual surprises — the two massive granite heads supporting a façade in Argyle Street, the tall wrought iron gates of nearby Central Station that would not disgrace a cathedral, the vast and solitary hammer crane on the Clyde Walkway and the countless statues of notables and benefactors — eleven in George Square alone.

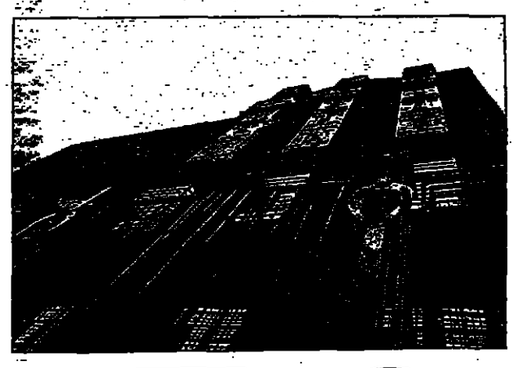
The weekend crowds are rich in street theatre: the solid Saturday bouncer outside Debenhams chatting to his friends, the clutch of red-headed children and their mother squeezing into a taxi after a day's shopping, the men effortlessly switching from Glaswegian to Italian, the patter of the stallholders in the Barras market, the women with the slickest haircuts outside London. This forceful city sets a fast pace.

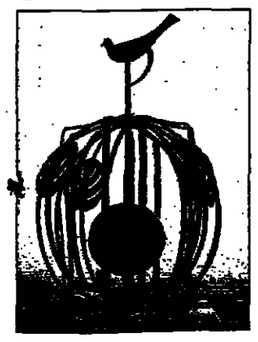
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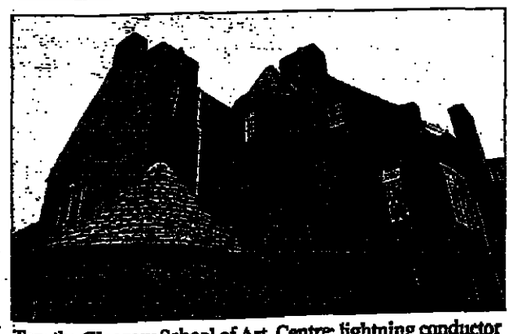
MICHAEL YOUNG

Set in the grounds of the Glasgow Botanic Garden, the Kibble Palace glasshouse was built in the 19th century to house exotic tropical plants









Top: the Glasgow School of Art. Centre: lightning conductor pinnacle, left, designed by Mackintosh, right. Above: Hill House, described as Mackintosh's "best Scottish baronial idiom". Below: Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum



WHAT TO SEE

☐ **The Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove Park:** this huge high Victorian building has an impressive collection of paintings, natural history, archaeology, history and ethnography displays. Soothing restaurant. The Kelvingrove walkway leads to the Botanic Gardens and the Kibble Palace glasshouse.
Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. Sunday 11am-5pm (041-221 9600).

☐ **The People's Palace, Glasgow Green:** another park museum on the north bank of the Clyde, telling Glasgow's history from the time of St Mungo. The plant-filled Winter Garden serves coffee and snacks.
Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. Sunday 11am-5pm (041-554 0223).

☐ **Clyde Walkway:** runs for about two miles to the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre from the People's Palace. Worth doing some or all of it to see the powerful river on one side, the contrasting buildings on the other.

☐ **Glasgow Cathedral, Castle Street:** dates from the 12th century, in a quiet, paved precinct. Includes the new St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art and the Victorian Royal Infirmary.

☐ **The Burrell Collection, Pollok Country Park:** Pollok Park has rangers, parkland and formal and woodland gardens. The unique collection includes paintings, stained glass and ancient artefacts. Shop, restaurant and bar.
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☐ **The Tenement House, 145 Buccleuch Street:** a first-floor flat furnished as it was when Miss Agnes Toward and her mother lived there from the early part of the century.
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☐ **The Barras, London Road:** Stalls have replaced the barrows of a hundred years ago. Everything from junk to fresh vegetables, fast food and palm reading.
Saturdays/Sundays, 9am-5pm.

☐ **Charles Rennie Mackintosh:** Mackintosh buildings to see are the Glasgow School of Art, the Willow Tea Rooms and The Hill House (at Helensburgh, 23 miles northwest of the city). A leaflet listing his buildings, opening times and charges comes from the *CRM Society (041-946 6600).*

How to get there

☐ ***The City and Country Weekend Breaks*** **brochure from the Greater Glasgow Tourist Board (041-204 4400) has B&B, rail-inclusive packages and background on events.**

☐ **Accommodation ranges from guest houses to city centre hotels. The Copthorne, in George Square, is close to almost everything. Two nights B&B at the Copthorne costs £76 per person. Other breaks from £32 per person.**

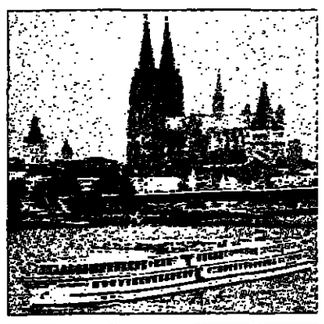
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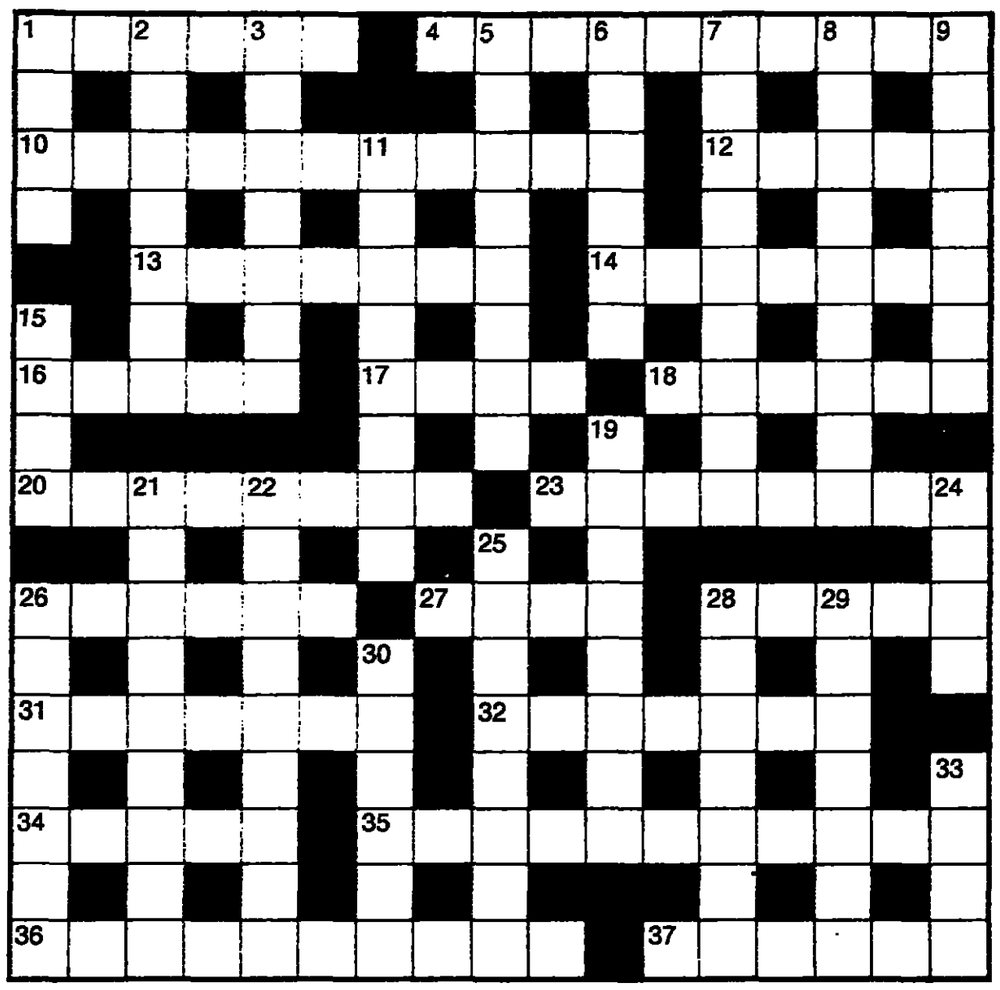
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ACROSS

1 Good man in favour with New England city (6)
10 Accepting horse, rode to one's acres in this US state (5,6)
16 Starts to initialise new processor using terminals for data entry (5)

DOWN

1 Period behind bars for American eagle, for example (4)
2 As expedient, cease quietly going round Georgia (7)
3 One up to mischief may become expansive (4,3)
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MEET attractive, sexy women at London Singles' parties. Call Meet 'n' Eat 071 629 5634

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GENTLEMEN aged 48 - 60, good education, well groomed. Are you available to be introduced to one of our clients? She is 49, 5 ft 3 ins, a professional, attractive, good education, well travelled, very presentable, self sufficient with a warm pleasant personality, looking for a compatable partner, based in Stansted. Call Two's Company 071 409 0102 for more details.

GO For Gold if you are 50ish, young at heart, know how to laugh, warm, sensitive and in need of TLC. Be a winner, respond immediately. Photo essential. Reply to Box No 9989

GREAT personality, unconventional, forty something, well travelled lady still believes: "True love is a durable fire in the mind ever burning, never old, never sick, never dead, and it's said never turning" wishes to meet gentleman 48/58 with view to a permanent relationship. Reply to Box No 0143

HAPPY, intelligent, affectionate woman, 34, Catholic, seeks fellow member of professions, in his thirties, who also enjoys poetry, science, skiing, good food and travel. Photo app. Please Reply to Box No 9957

HONEST, cultured, slim, intelligent, fun-loving sensitive lady. Financially secure 5.6ins. 50... Seeking miracle male Virgoan Sept 5th-7th incl: Circa 1938 to 1942.Box No 0090

IF you like things architectural, seascapes & picnics, marshlands & music, cosy dinners & Chablis then you might like me! If you are aged 40-55 and interested in meeting an attractive, good humoured, creative, & caring woman, then please send photo/phone no to Box 0126

IF you appreciate good things in life this tall slim feminine green eyed blond prof lady 43 who enjoys caring and sharing could enrich your life. London S.E. Photo please. Box No 9844

INDEPENDENT, attractive, blonde, N.W. based business lady, early 40's with numerous and varied interests from the energetic to the artistic seeks an uncomplicated, sophisticated and sensitive partner for long-term relationship. Recent photo ensures a reply. Please Reply to Box No 9974

KATHARINE ALLEN, "The Ultimate in made-to-measure Marriage Bureaux" (S. Tel.). Est. 1960. 18 Thayer St, London W1M 5LD. Tel: 071-935 3115

"**LADY,** Holland Park, London, would like to meet ex-Army /Navy chap, public school, 50s up, of integrity, for rewarding friendship, occasionally or often. She is caring, good company & background. Happy town/ country. Box No 9977

LADY Lawyer 46, bright, attractive, living rural S.E. Enjoys a myriad of interests from Rossini to Rugby is an incurable romantic with a GSOH and a penchant for "Peter Pan" people - do I have a male counterpart? Please Reply to Box No 9962

LATE Summer madness. We are a small group of lively professional ladies who enjoy the company of amusing, sensitive and intelligent people. If you are 40-60's and enjoy country living and would like to join us for a late summer luncheon party in a lovely North Oxfordshire spot on Sunday 18th September do contact us.Reply Box No 9982

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MERRY widow 60 music graduate intelligent artistic lively cuddly caring seeks widower of similar ilk. Staffs/Warks/W Mids.Reply to Box No 0098

MOTOR Caravan owner:- Lovely lively Cotswolds lady, honest, caring & fun loving. WLTM rugged, comfortable, genuine man, with touring caravan, humour and compassion. Happy times guaranteed. (Pref 50's with a zest for life). Photo pl. Please Reply to Box No 0161

NEW FOREST based lady, 42, seeks male companion to share escape from rat race, explore country side, relaxed wining & dining. Reply to Box No 9979

NO sales talk. Just a sincere wish by a W. Sussex widow (63) for a kind considerate man to share weekends, holidays, theatre, golf and all the other good things of life. Photo please to Box No 0041

OXFORD/Cotswolds: Light hearted 43 year old attractive business woman. N/S, seeks genuine, caring gentleman with GSOH to share leisure time, eating in/out, travel, theatre sports etc. Reply to Box No 0072

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PASSIONATE lady golfer with own business seeks successful & talented businessman golfer in his fifties to share interests, a healthy life & possibly work together; SE & London. Please reply with photo Box No 0077

SAINT EMILION - the arts - travel, yoga. London based lady - no ties - car seeks gold plus gentleman. No toy boys thankyou. Please Reply to Box No 0100 with photo

SEEKING a 50ish Peter Pan who is still alive, sensitive and jolly nice to know, personality more important than looks. Photo essential. Reply to Box No 9988

SENSITIVE attractive widow 50's slim soft sense of fun cultured continental background. Seeks sincere active warmhearted graduate with SOH 50-60 n/s no hangups for caring friendship laughter good conversation outings and travel. Berks. Please Reply to Box No 0146

SENSUOUS N/S professional /academic 46+ man sought by similar woman to share classical music laughter. TLC London, SE.E. Anglia. Countrywide.Box No 0141

SINGLE male 31 slim athletic 6ft tall n/s varied interests incl travel enjoys keepfit and working out seeks slim attractive fun-loving but sensitive girl for friendship/ romance. Leics /Notts. Reply to Box No 0058

SLIM decorative amusing definitely attractive stylish financially independent lady. Seeks TALL 46+ educated ravishing gentleman who is fun to be with! Home counties. Photograph appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9914

5'2" slim fit attractive 51. Requires fit unchauvinistic man uncomplicated fun. Lets discuss details. East Midlands or anywhere. Any age. Photo. Reply Box No 9945

SLIM petite classic feminine black business woman values sincerity food fashion romance to riches seeks life partner to enrich with unwavering love and companionship. Any nationality 38-60. London /S.East.Box No 0088

SLIM stylish refined widow London young 60 seeks smart companion gent 60+ under 5'9" caring solvent travel music n/s.Reply to Box No 9736

SOUTH LINCS fun attractive lady even though mum to teenagers. Seeks tall professional chap for happy times theatre dining music country walks skiing & tennis. Long letter & photo. Reply to Box No 0144

STAFFS borders lively attractive retired lady graduate 63, independent, many interests cultural and practical, enjoys outdoors, walking, travel, friends etc. seeks male companion.Reply Box No 0182

STRIKINGLY attractive lady 32 tall slim professional very successful stylish 40 fun-loving romantic caring enjoys arts and countryside seeks very successful tall dark handsome gent with same attributes for lasting relationship. Based North Midlands. Photo please Reply to Box No 0201

SUPER-INTELLIGENT business lady, warm and affectionate, widowed, seeks true friend of demonstrable achievement and real personal stature. Someone I can respect, admire, learn from, who makes me laugh, who is kind, tolerant, loving, independent. I am young, attractive 40-ish, with interests in home, countryside, science and arts. Thames Valley area. Please Reply to Box No 0111

SURREY sophisticated lady, tall, slim, attractive, blonde. Natural personality. Many interests, not being this this! Seeks similar slim, N/S, well educated, independent, solvent 45-55 romantic, sincere, loyal, feelings man for lasting loving relationship. Photo ess. Please Reply to Box No 0165

TALL attractive lady 35 would like to meet a tall gentleman to bring out the best in her. I enjoy travel eating out eating in theatre weekends in the country and nights on the town. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9991

THE Good Life in Provence. Idyllic life-style for serious country lover with SOH. Able to offer conversation and companionship to energetic 50's lady with many interests. Suit gentleman over 50 perhaps writer or artist. Lots of sunshine and Cote du Rhone. Must be in or near London now.Box No 9992

TRULY madly deeply wonderful and beautiful 30 year old seeks warm witty intelligent and cultured soulmate for fun friendship and the future. Photograph appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9962

UPPER CLASS ex-rebel 50's attractive clever musical artistic unfocused seeks similar but strong hunky man to live and laugh with.Reply Box No 0139

WIDOW, tall, attractive, 60 Harrow area. Seeks widower for outings. Reply to Box No 0121

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UNIVERSITY Lecturer, 39, attractive, articulate, classy, passionate, witty, shrewd, genuine, vulnerable, loving. Seeks tall, N/S, attractive, authentic, loyal, nurturing, emotionally secure, successful, male to celebrate my strengths and respond to the challenge of real partnership. NW. Please Reply to Box No 9966

VERY attractive lady, late forties, would like to meet a man who enjoys golf, is confident, successful, over 5'9" up to 52. Midlands area only. Is there anybody out there? Please Reply to Box No 9920

VERY attractive brunette. Slim, green eyes, romantic and sensuous. Very young 35. Seeks man with GSOH for fun and romance, preferably under 40. Photo app. Reply box no 0169

WANTED charming man 40-50 to bring back fun and magic into the life of an attractive intelligent cultured lady. Home counties.Reply to Box No 0179

WARM adventurous charming lady 42 wishes to meet unattached professional man 42+ who is humorous attractive and in need of TLC. Plenty of cuddles and romance. Photo and phone no appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9911

WEST Country lady seeks tall, intelligent, attractive gentleman with rural lifestyle 45-65. Please take the time to write if you are looking for a normal happy relationship. Please Reply to Box No 9926

WICKED, well travelled. West Country wench, shapely, just 40, just right would welcome contact with strong successful intelligent man with good sense of humour for a fun, uncomplicated but caring relationship. Phone number please.Reply to Box No 9927

WIDOW 70 solvent own home/car, countryside interests, seeks gentleman with similar tastes for friendship etc. Shropshire/Worcs/Cotswolds areas. Replies in strict confidence. Reply to Box No 9899

WOULD any gentleman with mild interests in ornithology, countryside music, care to correspond, - perhaps on a weekly basis, with lady 50(ish) based in North England. Please Reply to Box No 9978

YOU WILL not be bored in any respect if you get to know me! Surrey based professional woman, warm, lively personality, good looking, graduate, seeks sincere, sociable, erudite, amusing man. n/s, aged 48 -58. Please Reply to Box No 0061

GENTLEMEN

ABNORMAL man seeks out-of-ordinary lady, view marriage, family, cat etc. He: 40s, single, tall, slim, n/s, successful, well-travelled, wide interests. She: warm, witty, good conversationalist with capacity and desire for permanent, deep, unwavering love - as well as a lot of fun. Photo appreciated. Reply to Box No 9984

ABSOLUTELY Fabulous, caring, passionate, Co. Director, considerate, cultured, witty, strong-minded, not modest, fastidious, but soft hearted, sentimental, adores cuddles, holding hands, strolls barefooted on beaches, seeks N/S young 55-63 lady, all rounder. Lady Chatterley, Romeo's Juliet, Virgin Mary, Cleopatra's face. She: attractive, witty, SOH, loves bright colourful suits/dresses, finances secure/solvent, share/pool possessions to ride into cloud 99. No ties, no animals, ready move, relocate, travel to savour eclectic passionate exquisites and start fireworks for happy future. Only serious, honest letters from S. London, Surrey, Sussex, W.Kent with recent photo phone no Box No 0047

ACADEMIC architect seeks affectionate aesthete. Female 40+, country loving, non-smoker. Photo appreciated. Cambridge.Reply Box No 9943

ADVENTUROUS fun-loving transatlantic sailor 47 going on 27 slim fit and easy-going seeks very slim lady 37-47 to plan future life of bliss charter sailing around Caribbean or wherever. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 0148

ADVERTISING works! Required for fun times together and maybe much more. Small pretty, sexy, loving female under 55. London, South, South West. Photo essential. Please Reply to Box No 9998

AFFECTIONATE professional man (45) seeks sensual uninhibited woman for honest open relationship. Phone 071-224 2168 (day) or 081-444 8960 (home)

AMERICAN Psychologist 6' n/s Hampstead Heath, seeks lady 49+ for walks, music, travel, photo helpful.Box No 0102

ARE you female n/s, lively, educated? Caring tall professional London man 53 would like to share living and loving. A touch of insanity would help.Reply Box No 9936

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GENTLEMEN

ARE you looking for an incredibly handsome, cerebral, sexual, fiscal and emotional partner? I'm 38yrs of age, blonde haired, blue eyed, 5'9" tall with an athletic build and based in the South west. Ideally you should be articulate, communicative, cultured and possess a wicked sense of humour. If you think you might be compatible or would like to find out more, then I would be more than pleased to hear from you. However, looks aren't everything but they do matter, so please enclose a recent photograph with your reply. Box No 0196

ARE YOU an extremely attractive intelligent funloving feminine lady under 40? then a good looking generous very successful man unexpectedly alone with a forceful personality and busy lifestyle would like to meet you to enjoy dinner travel and luxurious times. Please send photo and tel no. Box No 9826

A tall professional gentleman 38 yrs old n/s very good looking fit educated outgoing and unattached interested in classical music, art, sports and wine. Is looking for an independent unattached educated witty and pretty lady under 38 based in London for friendship & socialising. Letter and recent photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 0016

ATHLETIC and attractive professional West London Englishman 43 seeks similar female companion 30/40 for golf, tennis, galleries, restaurants and days in the country. Photo reply.Reply to Box No 0002

ATTRACTIVE Active fun loving (S/West) Leo 40+ 5'8" 160lb. Own home, car, hair, teeth, (two eyes both blue/grey, n/s sincere, serious with VGSOH. I have many friends, but not a special soulmate to share my life and long warm winter holidays. Have you been let down too, wanting to make a fresh start, possibly 30-45 size 12-14, curvy passionate warm, kind, caring lady 5'2" to 5'6". Let's both turn the world on its head, bury the past and start a new. Send a letter & recent photo please. Box No 0080

ATTRACTIVE, Fun, intelligent, successful, Senior International Executive, two years separated, divorce being finalised, seeks lovely, intelligent, fun 30's-40's Lady. I frequently weekend in London, and love good hotels, theatre, restaurants, wine and conversation. I'm honest, open, discreet and fun. I'm next in London p.m. Friday 9th Sept to Tuesday 13th Sept, so if you'd like to spend the time in my company Please Reply to Box No 0170

ATTRACTIVE professional man in 40's romantic & interesting seeks slim intelligent attractive lady for whatever may develop. Photo appreciated. East Anglia. Please Reply to Box No 9996

ATTRACTIVE man tall fair blue eyed warm loyal 48yo GSOH n/s sporty outgoing. S.W. London. Seeks blue eyed lady up to 40 for love & marriage. Please Reply to Box No 0110

AUSSIE new to U.K. prof n/s seeks 30ish n/s lady into sport travel skiing & TLC. Box 9956

"**BACHELOR** - 36 country cottage and dog, needs girlfriend/friend. Slim petite, fit, sexy, funny only. 25-30 years max. No bossy agressive lefties or tree huggers please. Just be normal, honest, feminine and loving! Please send photo and letter to Box No 9939

BANTERING, pleasing, relationship, sought by warm, Oxbridge man, 50's, high and low cultural interests. Sandersted, Surrey. Reply Box No 0194

BIRMINGHAM based, tall dark and handsome (yes its true) M.D. 42 years old very fit and a deep need to share life with a special lady. Style and sophistication are prerequisites. Letter and photo please.Box No 0155

BRISTOL based. Professional, 49 yrs, N/S, 6'1", slim attractive, seeks intelligent lively lady 35 to 48 yrs for loving relationship. Reply to Box No 0186

BUCKS professional man affectionate tall 46 loves cooking music wine countryside seeks intelligent self-assured lady for friendship/romance. Write describing yourself and photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 0097

CITY Executive 54, seeks attractive lady for long term relationship.Please Reply to Box No 9980

CREATIVE, professional, Scandinavian, discreet male, 6'3" tall, dark-blue eyes, dark-blonde hair, 37 years, good looking, no children & with broad int experience - Hampst/London! Interests Arts, reading, diff cultures, swimming rowing tennis & nature. Seeks warm, affectionate, self confident & attractive lady up to 30, no children, for friendship. Photo appreciated! Please Reply to Box No 0130

CREATIVE professional male 6'3" tall, 47 years, good looking, widely travelled, with properties abroad. Interests include the Arts, foreign travel, music, dining out. Seeks tall shapely, equally attractive considerate lady to share fun, laughter, affection and commitment. Photo essential for reply.Please Reply to Box No 9971

DESPERATELY seeking simple, fun loving lover and companion for 40 something, reasonably fit, separated, financially secure, n/s 6' 1" human. Into skiing, squash, old cars, cooking, concerts, travel etc. High powered intellectuals, workaholics & flautists need not apply. Hants/Sussex coast. Please Reply to Box No 9930

DORSET professional man, graduate, 59, 6'0", n/s seeks down-to-earth, N/S, educated lady with integrity and wit. Please Reply to Box No 0188

DISCERNING dominant aries male, 55, early retd., but with own hair/teeth and a great fondness of food and wine and other pleasures! I seek a mobile unencumbered docile n/s lady to enjoy a comfortable country lifestyle in East Sussex, Nr. Crowborough. I cannot move. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 0039

DOCTOR 37. Berks based, single, outgoing, confident. GSOH seeks similar n/s attractive female for romance & marriage. Photo please. Reply to Box No 0021

ELIZABETH ANN BUREAU Exclusive introduction/marriage bureau for the reserved and individuals of high calibre. Tel/fax 0306 877164 (24 hrs) Area: London and home counties.

ENGLISH businessman living / working South of France 10 years, visits UK often, educated, good standard of living, divorced, 5'9", good appearance, fair, blue eyes, strong personality, GSOH, impetuous, impulsive, unconventional, sensuous and virile is looking for a serious & permanent relationship with very good looking, shapely female, aged 46-55, with charm, warmth, elegance, SOH, intelligence, educated, nice voice, homemaker, financially independent (free to relocate?) adventurous, broad minded (no prudes please!) very feminine/tactile/sensual. This is a genuine & sincere ad. Please send tel no, photo(s) (returnable) & frank/open letter by first class European mail (& pref. by "Swiftair" to save time) To:- Zenith, B.P. 281, 06406 Cannes Cedex, France.

ENTREPRENEUR currently between millions and wives seeks attractive intelligent n/s female under 36 to share roller coaster ride. Home counties. Please Reply to Box No 0171

EXECUTIVE, tall, attractive 48 pillar in community interested in lady for friendship and romance time permitting. Please Reply to Box No 0200

EXTRA tall professional man, nice looking, civilised, relaxed, good humoured and well-off, seeks a warm, slim, curvy woman 35 - 45 for a permanent relationship. N.London. Please Reply to Box No 0178

FAMILY orientated, unattached man. London-based, Oxbridge, young 50 plus, solvent and successful career-wise, enjoys classical music, travel, theatre, arts generally, sport, keeping fit, seeks articulate and intelligent professional /-academic woman, with shared interests, of child-bearing age (whatever that may be!), possibly single parent, willing to consider starting or adding to a family, for marriage /long term caring relationship. Photo appreciated and returned. Please Reply to Box No 0182

FORMER English University Teacher with 2 adult children living in London. Own apartment in France. Enjoys reading writing gardening music theatre and dining out. Would like to meet an attractive lady mid 50's living in Hampstead (or anywhere!) Please include a reasonably recent snapshot with your letter. Box No 9917

GAY businessman 50, 6ft. Central London, very straight-acting, discreet and respectable, conventionally/traditionally attractive and presentable, interested in intellectual discussions on most topics (yet with a good sense of humour), wishes to meet similar or younger man for companionship, to share holidays, walks, outings and, in general, all the normal things that help cement a sound friendship and mitigate the solitude of the non-scene bachelor. Reply to Box No 0073

GAY, 25, Cheshire, easy going, seeks mature minded 25-40. Enjoys eating out, travel, etc. Please Reply to Box No 0055

GAY, 26, professional, seeks straight acting companion 25-35 for eating in/out, travel, entertaining and long walks (in Peter Jones). Please Reply to Box No 0096

GAY, professional, 29, decent, discrete, seeks similar for chat and beer after a hard day. Cambridge area. 25-35.Please Reply to Box No 9925

GENTLE tall handsome Oxford graduate 30 with simple heart seeks unattached uncomplicated buxom lover London area for quiet nights in.Box 0160

GENTLE man 56 wishes to meet n/s slim younger lady seeking love & romance. Photo apprec. London/S.E.Box No 0167

GOOD looking, muscular guy, 38. Londoner, seeks solvent, attractive lady 25-48 for good times. Discretion assured. Photo please.Reply Box 9928

HANDSOME doctor lonely widower 53 n/s 5'7" feels 33 and behaves like 23! Anglophile ex-Iraqi of Caucasian (White Russian) parentage. Catholic childhood. Well travelled. Romantic. Adventurous. Cosmopolitan tastes and perceptions. Flying. Sailing. Diving. Biking. Also loves music and English serenity. Looking for non-slim non-peroxide blonde 40-49 to drown in the sea of her smiling blue eyes. For loving symbiosis, and to sail with me the waves of life. Should be feminine, natural, instinctive, dancing in the rain, who believes in the definition of "happiness is making someone else happy" Greater London area. Photo essential.Reply to Box No 9922

HANDSOME City Director, 35, blond would like to share interests in arts, theatre clas music with attractive, cultured 40-48 lady. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 0089

REQUEST, Bolton deb for cultural acquisitions tel 0308 488 829, discuss travelling & such.

HAPPY, successful male, 44, London. Likes tennis, restaurants, cinema. Seeks attractive, intelligent female wanting TLC. Reply to Box No 0103

I am 50 with a house in central London. Cheerful and optimistic. I like countryside, sailing, socialising, going out and staying in. I have business Responsibilities but need to change the balance. I am looking for a lady... Distance no object.Reply to Box No 0115

IF you are 30-45 solvent have niveau & depth no ties good fit vital & if you miss true kindness, lasting commitment, 100% loyalty, affection & laughs then do write. I'm solv 5'10" tanned athletic vital & fit ex-professional late 50s (metric late 40s). ALA if with photo (returned).Reply Box No 9980

INTERESTING blend of East/West, Merchant Banker, 33, Indian, tall, attractive seeks partner. Varied interests. Please Reply to Box No 0019

LAUGHTER guaranteed!!! Interesting humorous single man, 41, seeks n/s women for caring relationship. London/ anywhere. ALA. Box No 0042

LIBERATE my romantic streak for the rest of my life! 36, 6ft, considered fit, fun, intelligent, good-looking, independent, busy, gregarious & professional male seeks female equal. London /Surrey/Hants ish. Photo? Reply to Box No 0027

LONDON (West area). You will love dogs and walking them. you are friendly and attractive but do not like the thought of meeting this way. Read on if you are in your 30's and would like to share with someone in his 40's, who also enjoys London, the West-country and France and all the good things that can be afforded. Please Reply to Box No 0074

LONDON W1 based gentleman 50s tall slim successful in fashion business, seeks attractive elegant stylish lady for fun, travel friendship, perhaps more. Photo appreciated.Please Reply to Box No 9941

MALE 5'10" professional fit slim also very secure letting property, seeks genuine girlfriend, but only someone wanting to move, searching for a completely new life, new happiness, new environment, new caring lifelong relationship, more sun (Hove based). Someone equally free, genuine, honourable. Truly very trim, and of notable proportion longterm. 33-47 yrs, 7-9 stone, 5'-5'6".Box 9946

MARRY the Boss. 49 Yrs young, electrical contractor, seeking physically fit, marriage minded woman under 36 yrs old. To share work, pleasure, profit and whatever life has to offer. Please send reply and photo to: 7900 Limonite Ave, Suite G, Box 318, Riverside, CA 92509.

MY desire is to give affection and pleasure to a lovely lady, could this be you? Tall, attractive, kind professional man, early 40s, GSOH seeks adventurous sexy younger woman for fun and possible relationship. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 0005

"**N.W.** based professional male, 34 tall, intelligent, athletic, considerate with GSOH. Seeks similar buxom female for summer romance and much more. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 0116

NICE looking, tall, dark, slim, 40's male, super rural house, Riviera apartment. Invites lovely 30's female to holiday nr Cannes, Sept. Photos exchanged quickly. Reply to Box No 9909

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. Single attractive man, 44, very solvent, well educated, affectionate & loyal seeks loving feminine woman, under 40 for ever. 2 seams. Box No 9815

OLD man, cultured, caring, affluent seeks delicate sensitive young lady for inspired new life and winter sunshine. Child welcome.Reply to Box No 0082

ROMANTIC. Returning expatriate, attractive, fit, healthy, 5'7", 40ish, slim to medium build, very fit, loves sport, (esp skiing and golf), theatre, music and the cinema, would like to meet a 30ish, slim, pretty, n/s lady with GSOH who would like to share romance and the good things in life.Reply to Box No 9968

ROMANTIC Saggitarian man (London), 47 tall slim fair with GSOH seeks tall brunette with personality & sparkling eyes, under 40 n/s, for sensitive, caring & sincere relationship. Photo & phone ess.Box No 0095

SCOTLAND-based, fit, caring & highly educated professional male 46 seeks cultured, gentle oriental lady who believes that friendship is indeed the priceless part of love. For long term relationship and commitment. Please Reply to Box No 9970

60's, Eric Clapton & bacon butties or D.J's, Ravel & Saumon Fume, your choice I'm happy with both! Me: Co.Dir. 42 (sometimes 21) fit, attractive, humorous & caring. You: Intelligent gorgeous, kind & great fund to be with! Sussex based but distance no object for Ms Right. Photo appreciated. Reply to Box No 9944

SEXUAL, exciting, talented, filmmaker/university lecturer, slim, attractive, young 40, seeks sensational female! E. Midlands/Yorks. Photo? Please Reply to Box No 0052

SHIRLEY - secretive, evasive and a pig may be me but a philanderer I never would be never by thought, word or deed because you are the only one who can fulfil my needs.

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SINCERE loyal genuine and caring semi-retired professional man, with a sense of humour easy going mid 60's balding but lovely with it - (you know what they say about bald men!!) told I look a little like Cliff Michelmore! Who's he?! 5'9" tall and stocky. Varied interests: interesting raconteur. Solvent. One apartment on South Coast. One apartment abroad. No ties. Seeks fun-loving attractive slim lady 58-60 for company and whatever evolves. Location/unimportant. Status/unimportant. Nationality/unimportant. Colour/unimportant. Caring/loving/soft/feminine very important. A recent photograph ensures confidential reply. Box No 9919

SINCERE good looking chap 54, 5'11", fit wishing for English or Continental unattached lady, to fill my life with wine, song, romance and a good family. Please Reply to Box No 0079

SOUTH-WEST man with outdoor hobbies seeks fun loving cultured lady (35-50) for permanent and fun filled relationship - photograph essential.Reply to Box No 9934

SUCCESSFUL artist and businessman with sense of humour, nice and healthy, 43. Frequent long distance traveller. Seeks lady between 18-30, tender, romantic, natural, feminine, very slim, student style. To share all the best of life. In addition a glamorous and respected job in fashion. Write with photo please to Box No 9942

SUCCESSFUL intelligent workaholic would like even more fun life. Intrigued to discover if advertising is more effective than chance. Reply with picture if you are 26-36, educated, attractive, intelligent (and female!) and enjoy arts, politics, travel & conversation. Reply to Box No 9936

SUCCESSFUL tall London professional 32 n/s GSOH sincere, attentive. Interests flying, running, cinema, travel good food and wine. Seeks well educated, warm, vivacious, attractive lady. Photo appreciated. Box No 0001

SURREY Single handsome 6' very solvent male would like to meet beautiful intelligent Euro/Asian looking lady, 35-45 to be with, love and share lovely lifestyle. Photo must accompany reply. Box No 0084

TALL dark handsome, 30, living in Oxon based Ivory tower. very funny, far too confident, uniquely successful, seeks similarly minded positive confident fit n/s 28-30'ish lady with the right chemistry to share life's experiences. And there's no point denying it, you must have passing interest in motorsport and be able to put up with a variety of rare cars, including certain red ones from Italy. Then, I've admitted it, enchanting photo/letter ensures reply.Reply to Box No 0198

TALL, fit attractive successful man who is fun to be with seeks a lovely lady. 35ish with a real zest for life ideally M3/M4. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 0176

TALL, good looking professional seeks a stylish and attractive 28-38 lady (possibly French) who is equally adventurous and lively to share excitment and life. I'm well travelled, a young 42. W. London based and love tennis, horses etc. Please reply with photo to Box No 0071

TO hell with modesty. Very good-looking & slightly sexy, 40 yrs old, solvent, 6ft tall, not into singles clubs would like to strike a chord or two with a slim, genuinely attractive, fun, sexy, 30-38ish lady. Don't delay write today - it could change the course of both of our lives. Photo & telephone No, guarantees discussion to determine mutual compatibility. South Coast but prepared to travel for the person that shows potential. Please Reply to Box No 0094

VERY handsome 6' tall blue-eyed muscular successful businessman well-educated well-travelled GSOH sincere seeks beautiful slim lady up to 30 for caring sharing long-term relationship. South-East based. Reply to Box No 9964

"**WANTED,** initially, for gastronomic journey to Brittany, slim, intelligent, GSOH, lady under 5'2" by retired 60'ish Oxbridge Engineer. East Midlands. Photo please. Reply to Box No 0083

WATERSKIING lady needed to share my waterskiing passion. I am 39 fit attractive successful own ski boat on private lake! You are 27-37, fit, attractive & a waterskier. Lets ski the summer away together and Florida in winter. Photo and tel no pleaseBox No 0026

WELL-educated, professional single lady, 33, seeks friendship from educated man to share interest in modern music, travel, fine arts Box 0177

WIDOWER. Businessman, 60s, slim, 5'10" used to being half of a "handsome couple". Now feeling his way back into life. Seeks attractive lady with good legs/figure. I cannot but commit my lady to she should be feminine not feminist. Photo assures reply. Essex based. Please Reply to Box No 0050

YOUNG minded 41 year old City Gent looking for totally different life-style with younger sophisticated lady who wants to drop out or rather into.Please Reply to Box No 0105

YOU tell me! Successful man, 30s, tall, sensuous, good looking, seeks an attractive and interesting woman. Please Reply to Box No 0048

YOUTHFUL 60 year old presentable separated athelete seeks youthful loving lady to encourage and keep up with his professional and cultural and social pursuits. Children welcome! Reply to Box No 9931

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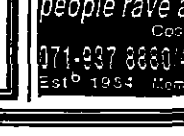
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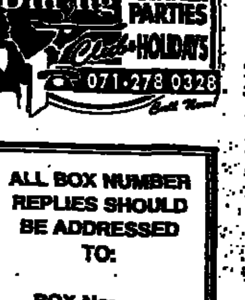
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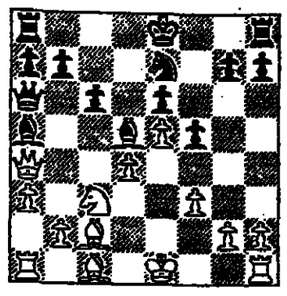
CHESS

by Raymond Keene

THE following unusual defence, which I recommend for the summer congress season, exhibits an uncanny knack of scoring quick knockouts for Black.

White: Harry Pillsbury
Black: Mikhail Tchigorin
St. Petersburg, 1896
Tchigorin's Defence

1	d4	d5	2	c4	Nc6
3	Nf3	Bg4	4	cxd5	Bxf3
5	dxc6				

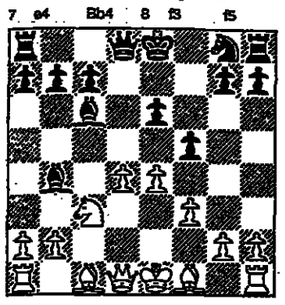


Or 5 gxf3 Qxd5 6 e3 0-0-0! 7 Nc3 Qh5 8 Bd2 Nf6 9 f4 Qxd1+ 10 Rxd1 e6 11 Bg2 Ne7 followed by . . . Nd5, with an excellent central fortress for Black. Black's later plan is to expand with . . . h6, . . . f5 and . . . g5, as in the game Christiansen - Short, Monaco 1993.

5 . . . Bxc6 6 Nc3 e6

A fascinating gambit can be introduced by 6 . . . Nf6 7 f3 e5! 8 dxe5 Qxd1+ 9 Kxd1 Nd7 10 f4 0-0-0 11 Kc2 Bc5 followed by . . . Rhe8 and . . . f6, with full value for the pawn.

7 e4 Bb4 8 f3 f5



A risky and ambitious attempt to batter White's centre into submission.

9 e5

Now Black overruns the board. White must gambit himself here with 9 Bc4! fxe4 10 0-0 exf3 11 Bxe6 fxg2 12 Re1.

9	. . .	Ne7	10	a3	Ba5
11	Bc4	Bd5	12	Qa4+	c6
13	Bd3	Qb6			

Threatening an immediate win with . . . Bb3, netting White's queen.

14 Bc2 Qa6

Now with a new threat of . . . b5, winning White's queen.

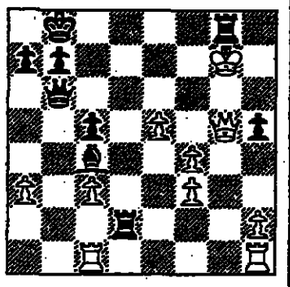
15 Bd1?

After this White is smashed. 15 b4! Qc4 16 Bb2 was the last chance.

15	. . .	Bc4	16	f4	0-0-0
17	Be3	Nd5	18	Bd2	Nb6
19	Qc2	Rxd4	20	Rc1	Bd3
21	Qb3	Nc4			

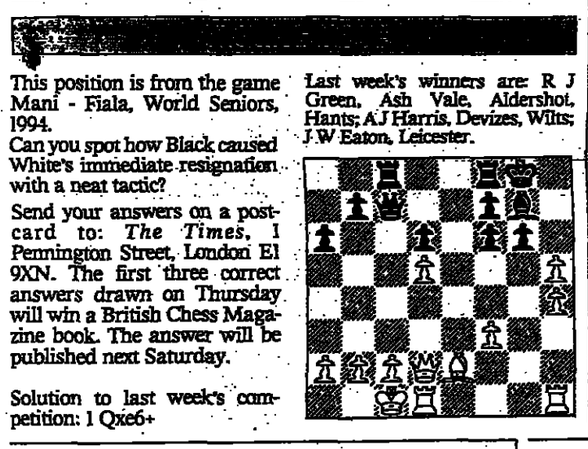
Winning a piece. The rest is agony.

22	Kf2	Nxd2	23	Qxe6+	Kb8
24	Bf3	Qb8	25	Kg3	Nxb3
26	gxf3	Bc4	27	Qxf5	Bxc3
28	Rxc3	Rd2	29	Qh3	g6
30	Kh4	h6	31	Qg4	Qf2+
32	Qg3	g5+	33	Kg4	h5+
34	Kf5	Bd3+	35	Ke6	Qb6
36	Qxg5	c5+	37	Kf7	Bc4+
38	Kg7	Rg8+	White resigns		



After 39 Kh7 Rd7+ 40 Qg7 Rdxg7 we have, as a contemporary note put it: "A very pronounced case of checkmate indeed."

I welcome seeing games by readers using this novel defence to queenside openings. Write to Keene on Chess, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN.



This position is from the game Mani - Fiala, World Seniors, 1994.

Can you spot how Black caused White's immediate resignation with a neat tactic?

Send your answers on a postcard to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Solution to last week's competition: 1 Qxe6+

Last week's winners are: R J Green, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hants; A J Harris, Devizes, Wilts; J W Eaton, Leicester.

PUNCH

READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon on the right. The cartoon, from the Punch library, includes the contemporary caption.

The cartoon will be printed again next week on the Games page with a caption selected from those submitted.

Caption suggestions, on a postcard please, should be addressed to: Cartoon caption 20, Weekend Games Page, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The editor's decision is final.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, August 24.



City lady up in London from country: "Which is the way to the railway station?"



"Remember the brigadier? She's getting a million pounds compensation for these two."

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (printed above) was submitted by Mrs Belinda Platt, of Tŷ Newydd, Nantmor Gwynedd

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ANDROCONIUM
a. Butterfly scales
b. An Alpine rock plant
c. A male hormone

FASCHING
a. A Teutonic chieftain
b. Fishing with live bait
c. Carnival

PARMENTIER
a. With vine-leaf border
b. A citizen from Parma
c. Cooked with potatoes

RICHARD
a. A fresh-water fish
b. To bribe
c. A detective

Answers on page 21

COMPUTER GAMES

"TODAY may be the beginning of the end, or the end of the beginning, or the beginning of the beguine," to quote Robin Williams in the anti-aggression film *Toys*. Tank simulation strategy games abound but NovaLogic's *Armored Fist* is the latest title to join the tank ranks.

New features include translucent smoke and jolting sound effects to bring battleground gaming to life. Or should that be death? You play at being soldiers for either the Americans or, rather quaintly, the Russians with a variety of armoured units at your command and certain disposal.

The game is released simultaneously on both IBM-PC and CD-Rom formats and NovaLogic promises: "You can't get closer to real tank warfare without taking a physical."

From one cliché to another: tanks for the memory. Several budget tank games are already out there in the battlefield. First we nominate one to avoid, even at low cost. The Hit Squad's creaking *Steel Thunder*. It should have been blown from the horizon long since.

Microprose's *M1 Tank Platoon* allows you to play single battles or plan an entire campaign with four tanks, and you can switch scenario details — day, night, snow, rain, sunshine and mud. Action Sixteen's *Tank* leads you into combat on 15 different missions and has plenty of thrill moments. The graphics are basic but nothing a good imagination can't fix.

So pull those levers and head into battle with the following well-chosen words to guide you: "When you go fourth or fifth, depending on your order in line, remember we're here today to put you in harm's way — because we determine today the future of toys as we know it. Whether it be toys of fun and innocence or toys for total warfare." Same guy as above. Same film.

THIS is last call for Cyberspace Eight, our competition which closes at the stroke of midnight on Monday, August 22. We're offering a selection of golden game-playing from leading producer US Gold — six bumper packages, each boasting 24 games.

For starters, you can win on three CD-Rom discs the interactive movie *Under A Killing Moon*, which boasts exceptional graphics of a futuristic world. Also on CD-Rom, chart-topping title *Sam and Max Hit The Road*, which blends appealing cartoon characters with handsome helpings of humour.

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BRIDGE

by Albert Dormer

HOW public men play bridge may conceivably have a bearing on their likely style in office. So, last year, when it was learned that Mr Eddie George was to be the new Governor of the Bank of England, this column suggested that the nation's bridge players deserved to know more. Were his signals reliable? Was he strong on safety play? Crucially, did he psyche?

The tongue-in-cheek questions have since led to an authoritative account of the role of bridge in the Governor's initial recruitment to the Bank. And it involves a psychic!

I hasten to reassure readers. Mr George, far from practising psychic bids himself, is a capable nullifier of them.

During the future Governor's last year at Cambridge, the Bank's recruiting officer of the day, Tig Pennant-Jones, was there on the milkround. He happened to play duplicate one evening at the university bridge club, and on one of the two boards Mr George and his partner played against him, Mr Pennant-Jones psyched. The psychic was overcome, however. Mr George reaching and making a reasonable contract.

The two met next day in the interview room and there was instant rapport. Mr Pennant-Jones accurately recalled every card of the psyched deal and an agreeable hour was spent discussing bridge. Mr George was then invited to proceed to the next stage of the selection procedure in London.

I have it on the highest authority that the Bank's recruitment processes are more rigorous these days. Yet are these processes any more searching than the test of overcoming a well-timed psychic? Exposure of the psychic is only a start: the harder part is to take effective action thereafter. The auction has been destabilised, and calls now may be ambiguous.

In the deals that follow, some famous players were examined for these qualities — and did not shine.

Dealer North East-West vul.

	♠10872 ♥763 ♦K32 ♣1053	
♠AK ♥AQ9 ♦AJ7 ♣KQ842	N W E S	♠QJ964 ♥KJ1084 ♦5 ♣87
	♠53 ♥52 ♦Q109864 ♣AJ8	

In a normal auction West forces after three passes. East shows his 5-5 pattern, and the final contract is an icy 6♥. But when Italy met USA, it went like this

W	N	E	S
Leventritt	D'Alelio	Goren	Chiaradia
	No	No	1♦
Dble	No	2♦	No
3♦	No	3♠	No
4♣	No	4♥	No
4NT	No	5♣	No
5♥	All pass		

Who, if anyone, was to blame?

Goren's game-forcing 2♦ was excellent, but West's 3♦ merely wasted space: he should have decided straight away to bid a slam, the only question being in what strain. A descriptive bid of 3♣ should be the next move. As it went, West might have assessed that if East's hearts were adequate for a contract of 5♥, they should probably be good enough for 6♥ also.

Still, at least the US reached a makeable contract. It was possible to do worse, as Italy showed:

W	N	E	S
	1♥	No	1NT
Dble	No	2♦	3♦
4♦	No	4♥	No
4NT	No	5♣	No
6NT	No	No	No

This time the opening, a "dealer's psychic", gained in potency when East made a less than dynamic response to West's takeout double. (In line with Goren's assessment, East might have bid 2♥ instead.) West could not now bid 6♥ with any confidence, and while 6♠ would have been all right, 6NT seemed more natural. North, however, led a diamond and the slam failed.

In a match between two front-rank British teams, South made a hasty bid with costly results

Dealer West North-South vul

	♠AJ8 ♥KQ92 ♦AJ76 ♣85	
♠973 ♥864 ♦942 ♣J764	N W E S	♠542 ♥1073 ♦103 ♣AKQ32
	♠KQ105 ♥AJ5 ♦KQ85 ♣109	

W	N	E	S
1♠	1NT	Dble	Rdble
2♣	No	No	?

East's double of the strong no-trump suggested at least nine or ten points, so South knew that West had psyched. The best contract might be 3NT, 4♥, 4♠, or even a slam, so South should have cue-bid 3♣. Instead he raised to 3NT, the defenders taking five club tricks. In the replay there were red faces.

W	N	E	S
1♠	Dble	2♣	3NT
No	No	Dble	No
4♣	Dble	All pass	

South thought that 3NT would be safe because he expected North to have club strength of his takeout double. But even if he had, the opening lead would be coming through it, so a cue bid of 3♠ would have been better.

This time, however, South got lucky. East should not have doubled the only game to which he had a defence, and West, for his part, should have presumed that his partner knew what he was doing. At 4♣ doubled East went down 900 at the old scoring.

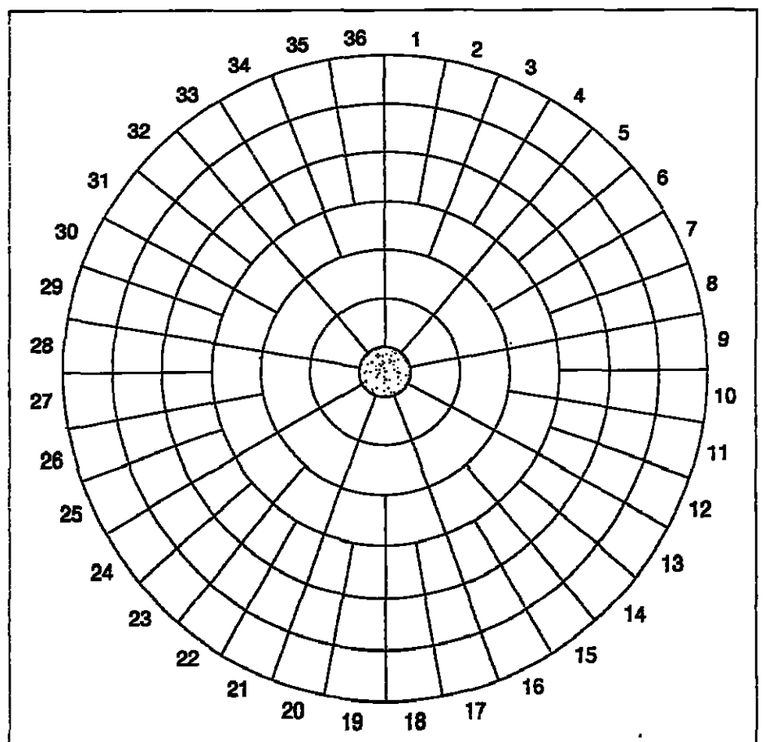
Psyching at bridge, even at favourable vulnerability, is by no means as safe as the Bank of England.

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1. Disband international organisation, and bear back the result.
2. Declarer's right to miss teenager.
3. Gaffer has takeaway and finds enemy.
4. Neither river runs back to the long sound, mark.
5. Square poet's compound molecule.
6. Village has one tree, a palm.
7. Savage fish — take heed going about in the same place.
8. Expose privilege in cell.
9. Free from distress?
10. Style applied to salad.
11. Woman warrior in South America.
12. Forbid fashion in the farmyard.
13. Greeting republican — one who helps recovery.
14. Three-day horse loses head in early attempt.
15. Mouth of vat — containing sulphur and antimony but no boron.
16. In this place, he starts to recover (except at home).
17. Bear thin out East, without a hammer.
18. Scottish loss can bring the French back.
19. Awkward rustics keep money in pairs.
20. Designates Edmund's paths to go round lake.
21. Woodworker has sweetheart in Spain — and Romania!
22. A year too long for a girl going to the North.
23. Man eats fish? Not him!
24. Check growth of a horse's tooth.
25. Develop turn without resistance.
26. Aims for the heights.
27. Free, easy and light — Southern grassland by the sound of it.
28. Shakespeare's material provided a trumpet after end of war.
29. Casting rays of light makes a large number inside squint.
30. Back last two to go to Kent perhaps about union.
31. Small shark's live and nimble — but not I.
32. More time to train? Right!
33. Second wine is severe.
34. Goblins have fine woollen cloths, covering nothing.
35. Not 2; one, Sir, may suffice.
36. Fabricates for endless tale of romance.



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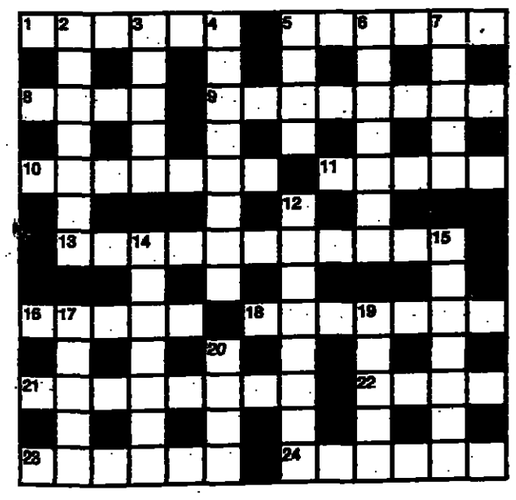
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1 Japanese female companion (6)
5 Taxi-driver (6)
8 Heathen deity (4)
9 At a give-away price (3,1,4)
10 Echo (7)
11 Plastic used for LPs (5)
13 Make patriotic (military) display (4,3,4)
16 Unbending (5)
18 (Chemistry) of living things (7)
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23 Churchyard caretaker (6)
24 (Placed) below (6)

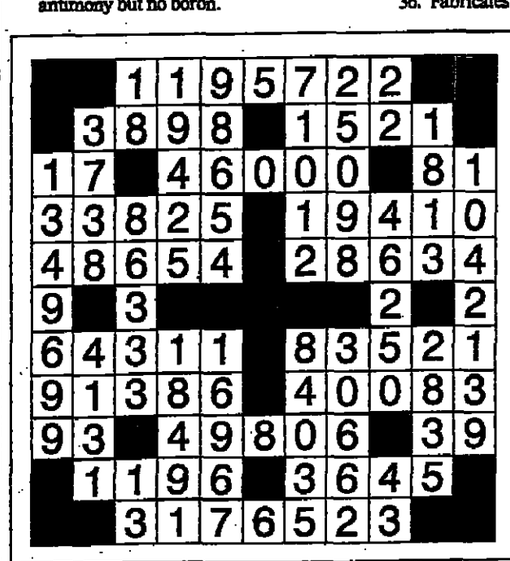
DOWN
2 Nonstop (7)
3 Ceremonial gunfire (5)
4 Liking; inclination; similarity (8)
5 Restore to health (4)
6 No better than an animal (7)
7 Irritate (5)
12 Guardsman's headdress (8)
14 Unconventional (7)
15 Whine, fret (7)
17 Exchange goods (5)
19 Confess (5)
20 Wreck, downfall (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 245

ACROSS: 5 Oversimplify 8 Afford 9 Grotto 10 Sack 12 Eclipse 14 Fibrous 15 Deaf 17 Entire 18 Abrade 20 Fly on the wall

DOWN: 1 Confessional 2 Nero 3 Smuggle 4 Fluoride 6 Side 7 Fit as a fiddle 11 Corridor 13 Lunette 16 Bane 19 Roar

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What's the odds? by Amicus

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